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Levy gets mandate for Washington talks

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Armed with a mandate to negotiate the basis for final-status talks with the Palestinians, Foreign Minister David Levy is preparing to leave for Washington, where a crucial meeting with the Palestinian Authority deputy leader Mahmoud Abbas is to take place on Monday.

The session, to be chaired by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, is a direct outcome of her recent meetings here. But PA Chairman Yasser Arafat poured cold water on the US-

sponsored conclave.

"The meeting in Washington will be simply for the sake of meeting," he said. "No more, no less." As quoted by Reuters, Arafat told reporters in Ramallah, "it will be a waste of time."

Levy has cleared his schedule to make way for a final round of deliberations with his senior staff before leaving for the US either tonight or Saturday night.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his key cabinet colleagues spent seven hours yesterday working out the parameters of Levy's mission. The discussions with Albright and Abbas are

expected to span two or three days at least and focus on the next IDF pullback in the West Bank and "time out" in Israeli settlement activity, as proposed by Albright.

Immediately after the policy-making session, Levy was on the telephone with US peace envoy Dennis Ross informing him of the cabinet's decision and hearing him express his total satisfaction.

Without going into any of the particulars, Levy said he was pleased by the cabinet's decision to authorize him to negotiate with Abbas and regarded it as a basis to advance the peace process.

"Since the second pullback and time out in settlements are topics for the agenda, I am leaving with authority and prerogative," he said. "The government's stand is crystalized and accepted by all of its members. I definitely see it as the basis I wanted."

Levy went on to say that Israel is committed to the Oslo Accords, but also has demands of the other side. He said that he intends to strengthen understanding and confidence with the US and the Palestinians at the Washington talks.

One of his senior aides said Levy is "a

pragmatist" who wants to move the peace process forward. However, he stressed that there will be constant coordination between Levy and Netanyahu throughout the Washington talks.

A cabinet communiqué said Israel expects the other participants in the Washington talks "to make every effort to advance the process." Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat implied at a West Bank news conference that Palestinian participation is not assured. He said their attendance hinges on the Israeli negotiators arriving with a clear mandate, according to the

Associated Press.

"Negotiations for the sake of negotiations only help to protect Netanyahu and provide a shield for him not in implement the agreements," he reportedly said. "We will not let him get away with it." The Foreign Ministry aide contended that the notion that Levy might go to Washington without a clear-cut mandate was "nonsense." However, Arafat reportedly said he doubted Levy had a mandate from the Israeli government to meet Palestinian demands.

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Clinton, Jiang agree to nuclear pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin agreed yesterday to a major nuclear pact aimed at halting the spread of weapons in the Persian Gulf region. The agreement fol-

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lowed a warm welcome for Jiang at the White House and a gentle reminder from Clinton on human rights.

Clinton will certify that China is not exporting nuclear technology to nations for weapons development, particularly Iran and Pakistan, a senior administration official said as the two leaders met.

They would allow a 1985 US-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement to go into effect and the US nuclear industry to sell reactors and technology in China, a deal worth billions of dollars.

"We're satisfied that we have the assurances that we need to have that China is not engaging and will not engage in assistance to states developing nuclear weapons," the official said.

On a crisp autumn morning, Clinton opened his meeting with Jiang by saying all people must be



Chinese President Jiang Zemin and US President Bill Clinton stand at attention during the playing of national anthems at yesterday's White House welcoming ceremony.

"treated with dignity, free to express their beliefs." He also urged stronger US-China ties, declaring, "Let us strengthen the bonds between us."

Jiang subtly reminded Clinton about China's insistence that the US should not impinge on Beijing's sovereignty.

"I hope that the development of China-US relations will positively promote mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and common development of all countries in the world, different in history, culture, social system, and level of

development," Jiang said through an interpreter.

But he, too, sounded an upbeat note in English: "Let us, the Chinese and the Americans, join hands and together with people around the world work hard to bring about a new century of peace, stability, and prosperity."

Neither leader mentioned Tiananmen Square by name, the 1989 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators by the Chinese military that sent the US-China relationship into a tailspin and caused a diplomatic estrangement.

Jiang's state visit is the first by a Chinese leader in 12 years.

Instead, Clinton couched deep differences on human rights, the environment, and national security in the diplomatic language of hope.

"Both our countries can best advance our interests and our values by working together rather than standing apart," he said, struggling with a hoarse voice.

"For together we can lay the groundwork for a better, safer world where peace prevails, prosperity grows ... where people are

treated with dignity, free to express their beliefs and observe their faiths."

As Jiang made his way to the red carpet on the South Lawn, human rights protesters, kept far away by a fence, raised their voices, but were drowned out by ceremonial music that included a 21-gun salute, full military color guard, and hand playing both nations' anthems. Demonstrators objected to China's human rights record, jailing of dissenters, and religious persecution in Tibet and elsewhere.

Katsav apologizes to Kafr Kasim — 41 years later

By HERB KEINON

Forty-one years after border policemen killed 49 Kafr Kasim villagers in a massacre that has long strained relations between Israeli Arabs and Jews, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav went to the village yesterday with an apology.

"I came here to identify with the victims, show them honor, say the victims were innocent, express our sorrow, and say that the victims deserve our apology," Katsav said in a hall decorated with black flags and harrowing paintings portraying the massacre.

Minutes after uttering these words — words that have eluded official government representatives for four decades — Katsav left the packed hall and was met by boos, catcalls, and the chant: "Butchers go home." (The word "katsav" means butcher.)

Abdullah Nimr Darwish, the head of the Islamic Movement and a resident of Kafr Kasim, praised Katsav for coming, but said his apology did not go far enough.

"This expression of sorrow was not so strong, but it is the first step," he said. "We waited for it for 41 years. The first step has come, now we are hoping for others."

On October 29, 1956, the day the Sinai Campaign began, the IDF clamped a curfew on a number of Arab villages along what was then the Jordanian border. Late that afternoon, dozens of Kafr Kasim villagers returned home from working in the fields, apparently unaware of the curfew. They were shot and killed. Two officers and six soldiers responsible were tried and given stiff prison sentences, which were commuted three years later.

Darwish said that every year Kafr Kasim holds a memorial service on the anniversary of the massacre, and each year invites a government representative. This is the first time anyone agreed to come.

Relations between the authorities and the country's 150,000 Beduin, impacted by Islam and Palestinian nationalism, represent "a time bomb" that could result in a violent confrontation that would sweep across the Negev, a report by one of the security services says.

The report predicts irreconcilable as well as the adoption of terrorism by the rapidly growing Beduin community. Earlier in the week, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan was criticized by the Beduin community for making similar comments.

"The processes of Palestinian nationalism, Islamization among the Beduin, and the continuation of the current desecration of the State of Israel means unavoidable clashes in the future between the police and the Beduin community, which is becoming increasingly involved in criminality and terrorism that feed on each other," the report states.

It warns the trend of a rapidly growing hostile Beduin community is dangerous for Israel, because many live along the 1967 borders just minutes away from their Palestinian relatives.

Several leading tribes serve as models for the community's hos-

Report: Tensions with Beduin near danger level

By STEVE RODAN

tility toward the state, the report says, encouraging illegal construction and violent confrontations with the authorities when they try to prevent it.

At the same time, unemployment among the Beduin is leading more of them toward crime, some of which is directed against the state for nationalistic reasons, the report says.

"There is a creeping erosion of the image of the authorities in the eyes of the Beduin population," the report states. "This process has caused self-confidence, a tendency to disregard authority and to move toward radicalism."

The report notes the Beduin are quickly shedding their traditional tribal structure, which ensured them economic protection, and are becoming urbanized, with the result being a clash between the modern and the traditional elements of the community. Tribal elders are losing their authority, while young Beduin are no longer interested in serving the community.

Instead, many are adopting Islam and Palestinian nationalism. "Alignment with the Palestinian nation or a return to original Islamic roots are available anchors for the hovering Beduin, who sever themselves from traditional and

absolute loyalty to his tribe, clan, and family," the report says.

As ties between Beduin in the Negev and those in the Galilee and Triangle increase, so the Beduin are also becoming closer to other Arabs in Israel. This is particularly true of the Islamic movement, which is capitalizing on the poverty of the Beduin, whose unemployment rate is estimated at 20%.

"These elements are fishing in troubled waters and are pushing the Beduin population on a path of confrontation with the authorities," the report says.

In addition, the Beduin are becoming closer to Arabs in the areas under Palestinian Authority control. Many Beduin in the northern Negev live within minutes of Palestinians in Hebron. At the same time, many Beduin men are marrying Palestinian women, thereby strengthening ties and loyalties to Palestinians.

The report says the Beduin population is increasing by 4.6 percent annually, with some 60 percent under 14. The increase is creating serious housing problems.

The report recommends the authorities settle nomadic Beduin in permanent housing and work to reduce the influence of Palestinians on the community.

history on the back of Monday's record 554-point plunge.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 19-10 on heavy volume of 773 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq composite index slipped 0.05 of a point at 1,602.97.

Meanwhile, Israeli shares jumped yesterday after Wall Street rebounded. Tel Aviv's rise comes a day after Israeli stocks posted the worst showing in more than three years, following worldwide equity index declines. The Maof Index advanced 7.4 percent to 295.86. The Mishtanim Index gained 8 percent to 286.88. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index rose 10.52 percent to 98.27.

(News agencies)

Budget passes 1st reading

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The Knesset late last night passed the first reading of the NIS 207.4 billion 1998 budget by a vote of 48-44. In his speech to the plenum, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said that he is open to adjusting the budget prior to its second and third readings.

"The framework of the budget will remain, [but] the Treasury and I will be open to hearing alternatives," he said.

After all-day marathon meetings, Neeman kept his word to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that he would succeed in convincing the coalition parties to vote for the budget without having to make any substantive compromises.

The difficulty in this was made clear in a telephone conversation between the two quoted by Channel 1. Neeman asked Netanyahu: "Bibi, stand behind me. With you behind me, they'll show up for the vote. They're crazy. You've given them so much, Bibi, believe me. They'll give in. They'll give in, if we remain firm... If you give to one, they'll all want. United Torah Judaism wants NIS 200 million... Don't give in to them... Let me handle it."

Until late last night, the National Religious Party and Yisrael Ba'alya remained firm in their decision to vote against the budget. However, Neeman convinced them to vote for it in exchange for his discussing their concerns prior to the second and third readings in November and December.

"We were convinced that they understood our demands and that they are ready to fix the problems for the second and third readings," said MK Roman Bronfman (Yisrael Ba'alya). Bronfman said that his party had received a promise from Neeman that its requests for increased mortgage benefits and housing subsidies for

new immigrants will be discussed prior to the second reading.

Throughout the day, the NRP said it was not content with the compromises Neeman offered. However, toward midnight, it decided to support the budget, saying it had secured a commitment to renegotiate the religious, social, and education budgets.

The NRP plans to ask for increased child allowances, increased mortgage packages for Judea and Samaria, and more funding for hesder yeshivot.

While the opposition accused him of last-minute deal-making, Neeman insisted that he did not make any promises. "There is no prearranged agreement, not one that I made and not one that was made behind my back," Neeman said.

Earlier in the day, United Torah Judaism, Shas, and two of the five Geshet MKs, who had previously opposed the budget, declared their support. Shas's Yitzhak Cohen said that his party received a promise from Neeman to renegotiate child benefits, a longer school day, and more money for the weaker segments of society.

Geshet's Michael Kleiner and David Magen voted for the budget, while Maxim Levy and Yehuda Lankri voted against. Foreign Minister David Levy was not in attendance, since any minister who votes against the budget must resign.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai (Shas), who had taken a hard-line stance against the budget, is on vacation in the US.

The budget includes NIS 2.3b. in cuts, including NIS 400m. from the defense package and NIS 250m. from education.

Thirty-two percent of the budget is designated for repaying loans, 28.5% to transfer payments and social benefits, 17.6% to defuse, 15.2% to civil expenses, and 6.4% for investments and credit.

US stocks mixed; TASE rebounds

Stocks ended slightly mixed yesterday, as Wall Street paused to catch its breath after two days of record volatility stemming from

Markets up worldwide, Page 12

the Asian economic crisis. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan calmed the market's worries about Asia.

Based on early and unofficial results, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.35 points at 7,506.67, after soaring 337 points Tuesday to its largest point gain in



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NEWS

in brief

High school pupils on strike today

Tenth-, 11th-, and 12th-grade pupils will stay home from classes today as part of an ongoing action to protest the cancellation of school trips, outings, and events intended to prepare them for the army. Oded Cohen, head of the National Youth and Student Council, said last night that the strike would continue tomorrow, but only include the 10th- and 11th-graders. On Sunday, the strike will be by geographic area, with pupils from a different part of the country staying out of school each day. Cohen also said that the pupils are weighing taking legal action to fight the trips cancellations. The trips have been cancelled because the Secondary Schools Teachers Association refuses to allow its teachers to accompany them until an agreement regarding payment is honored by the Education Ministry. *Arveh Dean Cohen*

Palestinians stone IDF troops in Gaza Strip

A crowd of approximately 200 Palestinians stoned IDF troops in the Gaza Strip yesterday afternoon. The troops dispersed the rioters with rubber bullets and tear gas. Palestinian police also intervened to stop the rioters. Some of the Palestinians were reportedly injured. The clashes started as an illegal dwelling was being demolished. The building had been erected where a fence divides Gush Katif from the Gaza Strip. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Third Way MKs discuss national unity with PM

Third Way MKs met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last night - in the middle of the budget discussions - to talk about their demand for a national unity government. According to the MKs, the prime minister was particularly interested in hearing the results of meetings they had held with the Labor Party on the subject.

The Third Way MKs said they would continue with their contacts between the opposition and coalition and will meet with the prime minister again next week on the subject.

Asked how he could sit in a government with Labor leader Ehud Barak, who does not oppose territorial concessions on the Golan, Third Way head Avigdor Kahalani said those opposed to yielding the Golan would have the power to block such a move. *Liat Collins*

Jaywalker killed by bus in Ashdod

An Ashdod high school senior, Haim Spashvili, 17, was struck and killed by a bus in front of his family yesterday as he ran across the middle of a street opposite their home. Family members and neighbors saw the accident occur and summoned an ambulance, but he died before it arrived. Police said the youth was responsible for his own death.

In another accident, the driver of a car, 50, was critically injured when he lost control and crashed into a wall near Be'er Ya'acov. *Itim*

Religious argument in Brooklyn ends in stabbing

An argument about Torah ended when one man pounced on another at a Brooklyn synagogue and stabbed him a dozen times while screaming, "Do you love the Torah?"

David Fligelman, 40, was stabbed by an unidentified man during a class Monday night at the Sephardic Jewish Center of Mill Basin, New York. The assailant has not been apprehended, police said yesterday. The men argued about who knew more about the Torah.

"The suspect asked the victim, 'Do you love the Torah?'" police told the *New York Daily News*. "He then pulled out a knife and proceeded to stab him." *Marilyn Henry*

3rd Ben-Yehuda bomber identified

By **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN** and news agencies

The General Security Service, aided by the IDF and the biology department of the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir, has succeeded in identifying the third suicide bomber in the July attack in Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-

Yehuda pedestrian mall. According to the IDF, he was Khalil Ibrahim Tawfik Sharif, 24, a Hamas activist who was wanted for involvement in the drive-by shooting death of yeshiva student David Boim near Beit El in May 1996. Following the shooting, Sharif fled to Nablus, his hometown. He had been a business student and member of the Hamas student council at Bir Zeit University, the army said.

Positive identification was made possible, the army said, following a request by the GSS to the Palestinian Authority to allow the parents of the suspected bomber to submit to DNA testing. The tests were brought to the institute, where the remains of the bomber

had been transferred. Relatives of Sharif said he had been a supporter of Fatah, but had switched allegiance to Hamas about 18 months ago. An uncle told AP that Sharif was one of eight children and that the family had become extremely poor after his father, a moneychanger, was jailed and had his funds confiscated for trying to change money in Tel Aviv.

The relative said that Sharif's family had appealed to the governor of Nablus to help get the remains of his body back for burial. Israel last month identified the four other suicide bombers who blew themselves up in the Mahaneh Yehuda and Ben-Yehuda attacks.



Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav lays a wreath yesterday at the annual memorial ceremony in Kafr Kasim, where border policemen massacred 49 villagers in 1956. Katsav apologized on behalf of the state for the first time, to a mixed reception. (Dan Oren/Israel Sun)

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Judging by the reception Katsav received, it could also be the last time for quite a while.

"We knew there would be protests," said an aide to Katsav who helped plan the visit, "but we didn't expect anything like this. Had we known of this in advance, we still would have come, but we would have made the visit less visible."

As it was, the visit was extremely visible.

A stone-faced Katsav, the minister in charge of Israeli Arab affairs, was met at the memorial to

the victims in the middle of town by local council head Ibrahim Sarsour and Arab Democratic Party MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe. As protesters chanted, Katsav laid a wreath on the memorial.

Apparently wanting to underscore his visit, Katsav then walked a half a kilometer through the streets - followed by the protesters - to the hall. Black flags flew from poles throughout the city. Inside the hall was a sign that read: "Only acknowledgment of the massacre will ensure that it won't happen again."

Sarsour was the first of the speakers. After praising Katsav for his courage in coming, he read

grisly testimony of the massacre given to the military court at the time.

Sarsour called upon the government to officially recognize the state's responsibility for the massacre, open up a committee of inquiry to uncover all the facts, and return some 1,500 dunams (375 acres) of land he said was confiscated from the village and given to neighboring Rosh Ha'ayin three years after the massacre.

The next speaker, Tiba Mayor Rafik Haj Yihye, said that just as Jews deserve compensation from Germany, so too do the families of the Kafr Kasim victims deserve compensation from Israel.

This was the first thing Katsav addressed when he took the podium: "Let us not make comparisons between the tragedy here and the acts of horror perpetrated by the Nazis during World War II," he said.

His 15 minute address was interrupted three times by individuals in the packed audience, which included both survivors of the massacre and relatives of victims.

"The order to shoot at innocents in Kafr Kasim was illegal," Katsav continued. "That was said then, and we are saying it clearly now. The soldiers then should have refused the order to shoot innocent citizens, even while the country was in a state of war."

Arafat taken to hospital, released

By **STEVE RODAN** and **MOHAMMED NAJIB**

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was taken to a Ramallah hospital after he felt faint from what Palestinian sources said was a recurring ailment.

Several of Arafat's aides quickly left the Palestinian Legislative Council meeting in Ramallah yesterday and hurried to the hospital.

Arafat spent several hours in the hospital and was released. The sources said they could not identify the ailment.

Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani denied that Arafat needed hospitalization, saying he went for a routine check-up. He said Arafat is in good health and is performing his regular duties.

Palestinian sources and Western diplomats have reported that Arafat appears to be in failing health.

They say he often trembles and appears unaware of his whereabouts.

The sources said Arafat works an average of 14-16 hours a day, usually until 3 a.m.

PLC calls on PA to boycott Doha eco conference

By **STEVE RODAN**

The Palestinian Legislative Council voted yesterday for a resolution recommending that the Palestinian Authority boycott the Middle East economic conference in Qatar next month.

Only two members among more than 50 voted against the resolution.

They were Arafat aides Marwan Kanafani and Hakim Balawi. Marwan Barghouti, head of the Fatah executive council and P.L.C. member, said, "It's a recommendation, not a decision."

Saeed Erekat said he opposed the vote since many PLC members, like himself, serve in the PA either as negotiators or officials involved

in forming Palestinian positions.

Some PLC members said they opposed any further Arab normalization or Palestinian negotiation with Israel. The PLC Political Committee, chaired by Abbas Zaki from Hebron, recommended that the PA and PLO review the peace process with Israel, intensify efforts for Palestinian unity, and

fight official corruption.

Salah Taamari, a PLC member from Bethlehem, agreed. "What's the importance of a port [now being negotiated with Israel] when there is no halt in settlements?" he asked.

The legislative session was rowdy as PLC Chairman Ahmed Qurie tried to stop members from speaking past their allotted time.

"Stop already," Qurie shouted.

"Do you think this is a Friday sermon in a mosque?" he told Suleiman Gbuni, a sheik wearing a turban, as he ranted against Israel and the US. He looked up from his prepared speech and glanced toward the television cameras. "This is for history," he said before continuing his speech.

TAAS delays export of Uzis; Galils to US

By **HILLEL KUTTLER**

WASHINGTON - Israeli Ambassador Elihu Ben-Elissar has informed US Senator Dianne Feinstein that TAAS-Israel Industries will not export modified Uzi and Galil submachine guns to the US for at least three months.

The decision culminates nearly two months of discussions between the two arising from Feinstein's concern that the weapons would lead to many deaths on America's streets.

Feinstein called the decision a "tentative step forward." She said she does not believe that "any reasonable person could view these

weapons as particularly suitable for, or readily acceptable in, sporting purposes. Therefore, they should not be allowed into this country."

"As I have told the representatives from Israel, I have no doubt that it is only a matter of time before these weapons fall into the hands of criminals - whether they be drive-by shooters, gangs, drug traffickers, or grievance killers - and American citizens pay with their lives," Feinstein said.

Israel had been concerned at being singled out by Feinstein's complaint, but Feinstein said in a statement that she had also pressed Bulgaria, Russia, Greece, Egypt, Poland, and Romania to desist from sales by their state-run companies, even though they, too, had been issued US permits to export their weapons here.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, told a B'nai B'rith audience here that he is puzzled why Feinstein has made an issue of the weapons sale, but said Israel is willing to accommodate American sensitivities.

"I don't quite understand what they want from us. There are rules made by the US government, which we meet, and now we are being criticized for sending these weapons anyway," Bar-Ilan said. "And I think it has more to do with the fact that some policemen were killed by an Uzi, and those who manufacture the Uzis are being blamed for it."

"[They] are sold only according to specifications made by the administration."

"Anyway, if we feel for some reason it irritates some senators here and the public in general, we won't sell these Uzis."

Behind Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's reported lapses into diplomatic sensationalism is Moscow's abiding interest in keeping a lid on all of the Middle East's simmering conflicts.

This is why he tipped off King Hussein about Israel's alleged intention to mount "a large-scale" military operation against Hizbullah in southern Lebanon.

Russia's overriding interest is regional stability as it works to nurture the sphere of influence created by its predecessor, the Soviet Union.

His headline-catching disclosure to Hussein that "Israel's military are pressing for such an operation" was coupled with demands that "all sides work closely to find solutions to the explosive and very dangerous situation in southern Lebanon." Foreign Ministry spokesman Aviv Shir-On said he "knew nothing" about this.

Acting like a diplomatic icebreaker throughout his Middle Eastern swing, Primakov offered to join the multi-national commission monitoring the Operation Grapes of Wrath cease fire. He seeded speculation about Russian troops helping patrol the security zone after Israel's projected withdrawal and inspired queries about a Russian peace envoy alongside the US' Dennis Ross and the EU's Miguel Moratinos.

Were it not for President Hafez Assad's inscrutable nature Primakov's success or failure in reactivating the Israeli-Syrian negotiating track would have been apparent by now.

The Russian diplomat's snap decision to fly back to Damascus was triggered by word from Foreign Minister David Levy that

Russia makes its move for regional comeback

ANALYSIS

By **JAY BUSHINSKY**

"The achievements" scored in talks to date "will be taken into consideration." Those words perked up Primakov and prompted him to tell Levy he was going back to Syria.

Primakov's behavior conforms with Moscow's newly inspired interest in resuming its role as a regional super-power. Its theater of operations extends from the frontiers of China to the Mediterranean Sea, including India, Iran and Iraq - countries with which it is intent on maintaining intensive political and economic contacts. By the same token, the Russians angrily reject Israeli and American charges that they are helping Tehran acquire and manufacture ballistic missiles.

Backing up Primakov's denials in Israel, President Boris Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrebemsky reportedly told a Moscow news conference that "there is no such cooperation (on missiles), never was and never will be."

But he insisted on Moscow's right to keep its economic doors open to Iran: "We hear these unfounded reproaches most often from two sources - Washington and Tel Aviv," he went on. "We think this is a conscious policy aimed at forcing our country out of economic cooperation with Iran. We have cooperated and traded with Iran and will continue to do so."

But Primakov's attitude toward Israel is far from hostile. On the contrary, informed sources believe the Yeltsin government saw an opportunity to increase Russian influence with Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu. Moscow's assessment was that under Netanyahu Israel would be less submissive to American policy objectives in the region than it was under Labor.

Besides, its chances of developing a fruitful diplomatic dialogue with Jerusalem improved once the controversy over Jewish emigration no longer aggravated the bilateral relationship. This is reflected in the burgeoning volume of trade which totalled \$361 million last year, two-thirds of it Israeli exports to Russia.

From a strategic standpoint, however, Russian concerns tend to coincide with those of Syria, especially regarding the cordial ties that have been forged between Israel and Turkey.

Primakov knows Israel must tread carefully in its dealings with the Turks and avoid seeming to sympathize with them on such external issues as the Cyprus conflict or their Aegean Sea dispute with Greece. The Russians also can capitalize diplomatically on the fact that the Syrians prefer them to the US. In short, Primakov's regional tour proved that Russia has several strategic cards to play in the Middle East while upholding its status as a co-sponsor of the Madrid peace conference.

Shuhada Street opens quietly in Hebron

By **MARGOT DUDKEVITCH**

The Hebron Jewish community conducted morning prayers outside Beit Hadassah yesterday to protest the partial opening of Shuhada Street to Palestinian traffic.

The group of some 250 settlers held banners reading: "No entry to terrorists," and "Keep the enemy out."

In the expectation of violent clashes, security forces in the city were beefed up. Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Ofer Sivan said 255 police had been sent to the city. "Our job is to make sure the road remains open," he said.

But the day passed quietly. The only cars to use the newly opened section appeared to be those belonging to the police and IDF - and the settlers. Vehicles belonging to the International Observers (IIPH) patrolled the road frequently, their flags flying in the breeze.

By early afternoon, soldiers and police were napping in the back seats of their cars and vans that were parked on each side of Shuhada Street. Groups of police rubbed their eyes, some sat sprawled on the sidewalk their backs leaning against the walls of the buildings. Every now and then groups of soldiers and police walked toward the market, returning with plastic bags full of cold drinks and snacks.

As school finished Palestinian children spilled into the empty road. Outside the Pedesco gas station, groups of journalists and photographers sat on the curbside, smoking cigarettes and talking. By mid-afternoon, they packed up their equipment and left.

Enjoying the one-day, strike called by the Jewish community, a group of young Jews had earlier attempted to enter the market area holding banners protesting the road opening. Border policemen and IDF troops prevented this. In the scuffle that ensued, one of the youths was detained.

"No one told us the road would be opened, we heard it on the news," said Muffid Sharbat, 32, who lives opposite Beit Hadassah. Asked if he would drive down the road later, Sharbat shrugged his shoulders and said, "I'll try, but already the soldiers have stopped some drivers from passing through."

At that moment, a taxi driver was stopped by soldiers, who asked him for identity papers and to open his trunk. As he got out of his car, he shouted at a soldier, "Do what you want, take the car apart if you like."

He then shouted: "An officer at the other end told me I could pass." As the driver stood waving his arms about, the soldier told him to continue.

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Arafat also accused Israel of spreading rumors he was ill, a charge denied by Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak. "I'm not in a situation to answer to silly Israeli propaganda and rumors," he reportedly said.

Asked if his health is good, Arafat said: "As you can see, yes. This is not the first time they spread such rumors."

Bazak said Israel was not spreading any rumors about Arafat's health. "I hope he's healthy and I wish him health," he said.

Hillel Kuttler adds from Washington:

Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, implicitly criticized the administration's prodding of Israel to send Levy here for the next round of talks with the Palestinians. Bar-Ilan told a gathering of B'nai B'rith that a delay is quite defensible given that the Palestinians "boycotted the talks... If we take a week, to argue exactly what the authority of our chief negotiator to the talks is and what the red lines which he cannot cross are, I don't think anybody should begrudge us that, because it is a vital matter for us."

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מזמן האחרון

New matriculation exam system instituted: More tests, less material

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

There was good news and bad news yesterday for high-school pupils regarding this year's matriculation examinations. The bad news: they once again will have to be tested in all seven required subjects — Hebrew language, English, math, Bible, civics, history and literature. The good news: they will be tested on only four-sevenths of the material they have studied in each subject, and they will be informed which four-sevenths around Pessah, in time to prepare for the exams. The four-sevenths fraction was decided upon in negotiations between the pupils' representatives and Education Ministry officials. It reflects an apparent effort to somewhat mirror the system that existed for the past two years.

when a lottery was conducted to determine on which four of the seven required subjects the pupils would be tested. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer moved to do away with the lottery system last spring, but met with strong opposition from the pupils and eventually reneged, announcing that a committee would be formed to determine a new system for this school year. The new system is intended to reduce the pressure on pupils in preparing for the exams, while at the same time meeting university heads' demands that the pupils be tested in all the seven subjects. It will also do justice to twelfth graders, some of whom already may have taken matriculation exams in some of the subjects in tenth or eleventh grades and been tested on all the material, under the old system. To be fair to them,

they will get a break on some of the non-required matriculation exams they decide to take this year, in which they also will be tested on only 4/7 of the material covered in class. At a press conference announcing the new system yesterday, both Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and National Student and Youth Council head Oded Cohen praised the new arrangement. "I said all along: I don't want a lottery, but we will not make things more difficult," he said. Hammer praised Cohen and the other pupil representatives who participated in the discussions on the exam for displaying commendable maturity and seriousness. Cohen said that the council had dealt with "one of the most difficult decisions it has ever faced." "We knew we had to make a change this year regarding the temporary solution of the lottery," he said. "From the various solu-

tions proposed, I think the best possible one was chosen." Twelfth-grader Adina Dershowitz, of Jerusalem, said the new arrangement sounded "excellent" to her, and "will definitely make things easier for me." "I guess it's a good idea," Kelly Breakstone, also a high-school senior from the capital, said. "It's really a lot of material to study and most of the kids gamble and don't study everything anyway. I think it was stupid with the lottery. Four-sevenths? It sounds pretty good." However, the Secondary Schools Teachers Association wasn't as happy about the new arrangement. The association protested that it had not been included in the decision-making, and that this represented a slap in the face to those involved in the actual job of teaching.

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Israel-Slovenia military ties 'bear fruit'

By STEVE RODAN

Slovenian Defense Minister Tit Turnsek, on a four-day visit here, said Tuesday that his country and Israel are cooperating on numerous defense projects in a growing security relationship that began in 1993. "We have a long cooperation and now we see the first results," Turnsek said. "The results are very positive. The first deliveries are effective [and include] what has been agreed between 1993 and 1995 and 1996." Turnsek, an engineer who was appointed defense minister in February, said the defense cooperation began more than four years ago when Jerusalem sold the former Yugoslav republic weapons. Today, he said, Israel is helping the Slovenians modernize their army. This includes tactical communications, artillery, and munitions. Turnsek said Israel is modernizing Slovenia's T-55 tanks and is planning to upgrade other models of Soviet tanks. Turnsek refused to give a figure on the extent of Israeli sales to Slovenia. Turnsek met Tuesday with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and participated in a panel headed by Defense Ministry Director-General Ilan Biran. He will be visiting several defense companies, including Israel Aircraft Industries, Elbit Systems Ltd., and Tadiran. He is being accompanied by senior officers and defense officials.



Last-minute advice

Sergei Kaufman, who was involved in the rebellion at Military Prison No. 6 in August, consults with his lawyer yesterday as the High Court of Justice heard petitions, presented on behalf of Kaufman and 17 others, demanding the government uphold the agreement made with the prisoners.

(Jasac Harnet)

IDF cuts food poisoning, diarrhea in half

By JUDY SIEGEL

The rates of food poisoning and diarrhea outbreaks in the Israel Defense Forces has dropped by nearly half during the past few years, with salmonella bacteria largely replacing the more fierce shigella, according to a new study by the IDF Medical Corps and Tel Aviv University's Sackler Medical School. The nine-page study, by Drs. Itamar Grotto, Yossi Mandel, Yitzhak Ashkenazi, and Yehoshua Shemer, was published in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association. It shows that while the trend of acute infectious diseases of the gastrointestinal tract shows a clear decline, the number of cases still

remains high, affecting 36.3 soldiers per 100,000 on active duty, compared to 68.3 at the end of the 1980s. In the US alone, over 12 million cases of food poisoning and acute gastrointestinal infections are reported each year, and they kill some 7,000 victims — mostly young children, the elderly, and the chronically ill. The cost of treating patients and lost workdays totals \$8 billion annually. Some serious outbreaks were reported among American forces during the Gulf War in Saudi Arabia seven years ago. In most parts of the world, military forces are most susceptible to such infections because of inadequate sanitary conditions of food

preparation and hygiene, especially in the field. Diarrhea can disrupt the functioning of flight crews, training exercises, navy operations, and other military activities. The fact that central kitchens prepare food for hundreds or even thousands of soldiers, and that infected soldiers often move from one unit to another, increases the risk in the military. The authors record 343 outbreaks reported to the Health Ministry between 1986 and 1995 in which over 13,000 people were affected. Despite major efforts to combat the condition, as many as a fifth of IDF soldiers suffer from food poisoning or acute gastrointestinal infections each year — some in iso-

lated incidents and some as part of outbreaks. Most of the incidents occur during the summer, due to the effect of heat on food. The authors note that outbreaks are most likely in field units with new recruits who have not yet developed natural immunity to the bacteria. But significant improvements in sanitation and food preparation and storage in field units during the past three years have reduced the number and seriousness of outbreaks. The authors state that even stricter educational measures and appointing special preventive teams can cut it even more, as will better isolation techniques and the development of vaccines.

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HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The worldwide turmoil in the stock markets was the focus of media commentary this week. "Who saved the New York stock exchange yesterday?" writes *Yediot Aharonot's* Sever Plotzker, "the small American investor who did not surrender to collective panic and remained composed and is a subject of envy." He adds that the investors did not sell, bringing the sharp plunges to a halt. However, due to the persisting panic worldwide, instability remains, "especially in Israel where [people] are much more nervous by nature." David Lipkin in *Ma'ariv* asserts that the markets in Europe will be able to recover in a relatively short time because "they are known for their maneuverability and are largely affected by Wall Street." However, it will take time for the markets in Asia to heal. "If the crisis does not end soon, there will be massive withdrawals by foreign investors from Israel," writes *Yediot's* Udi Nachshon, adding that this will be followed by a sharp devaluation of the shekel.

Moshe Perl in *Ma'ariv* states that eventually the markets will stabilize, but the "when" depends on the small investors, because "only their behavior in the coming days will dictate the extent of the trauma." "The pleasures of economic freedom sometimes command a price," writes *Yediot's* Gidon Eshet, adding that the side-effects are high interest rates and unemployment in Israel.

Russian visit

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's visit to Israel once again raised two unresolved issues: Russian-Iranian cooperation and missing IAF navigator Ron Arad. Ron Ben-Yishai in *Yediot Aharonot* states that Primakov's claim that Ron Arad is dead is inadmissible in Israel, as there is no concrete proof to support the claim. In addition, Ben-Yishai writes that Russia has economic interests in Iran and the latter is probably using Russia as a messenger: "The

pressure on the Iranians should not subside; they probably have good reasons to want to drop the affair from the international agenda," he says, adding that in the future, the Iranians will probably want to position on the issue "at the center of a bargain that is significant to them." "The quarrel between Israel and Russia over the transfer of ballistic missile technology to Iran should be judged as part of the Russian strategy for greater involvement in the Middle East," writes *Ha'aretz's* David Makovsky. He adds that despite Russia's agenda, Israel is not closing its door, as the Netanyahu government believes in economic cooperation between Israel and Russia.

Letter from Rafal

Minister of Agriculture Rafael Eitan's letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, warning against B'duin control over lands, will backfire, writes Yaron London in *Yediot*, claiming that the letter "will accelerate the

Palestinization and Hamasization of the B'duin." He adds that there are no simple solutions but there is a need to treat B'duin "like other citizens, not as a security problem." *Ho'orec* editorializes that Eitan's proposals "lack insight and suffer from political foolishness."

Dialogue of the deaf

The 14th Knesset, which reconvened on Tuesday is a preordained failure, writes Gideon Samet in *Ha'aretz*, claiming that "[the MKs] know that the Knesset is castrated due to the current election system which is responsible for the immunization of the prime minister and his coalition." "Whoever listened to the speeches of both sides in the Knesset, did not become any wiser," writes *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid. He claims that Netanyahu used the same old slogans and Labor leader Ehud Barak had nothing to offer but ornate language and warnings.

IMA to strike public hospitals today

By JUDY SIEGEL

Thousands of non-emergency operations will be cancelled today in the country's public hospitals — except Laniado in Netanya — due to another strike by members of the Israel Medical Association. On Tuesday, the hospitals were on emergency schedule for 24 hours. The sanctions have been called by the IMA to protest the Treasury's refusal to implement an agreement adding 1,200 extra hospital beds in pediatric, internal medicine, and surgical wards and 360 more doctors' slots during the next few years. The Finance Ministry, which signed the agree-

ment in March, now says it wants the hospitals to absorb the costs of expansion instead of the costs of expansion coming from the Treasury. "Since we have seen that the government has no serious intention of worrying about patients, the IMA is doing all it can to ensure that the hospitalized will get the best possible treatment," declared IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Bischar. "We are unwilling to live with a situation in which patients will lie in the corridors and not get the care they need." "We have renewed the 'safe and proper medicine' campaign in which patients will be discharged only after their doctor is certain

they have recovered, and not according to patient occupancy in the wards. If the internal medicine departments fill up, the Health Ministry will have to find solutions. We will treat those who reach the emergency rooms and send them home only if our conscience allows it." Meanwhile, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza sent Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman a letter demanding the Treasury finance the NIS 1.3 billion deficit in the health system, as required by the National Health Insurance Law. Efficiency measures by the health funds and the payment of service fees will not cover the gap, he said.

MKs to discuss political activity in PM's Office

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset State Control Committee will be convened to discuss reports of political activity in the Prime Minister's Office, committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) said yesterday. The meeting will include Prime Minister's Office director-general

Avigdor Lieberman, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander, Katz said. He said the discussion was necessary in view of reports that Lieberman is involved in the moves to change the internal Likud electoral system and a news item that a Likud activist, Danny

Greenberg, participated in a meeting at the Defense Ministry in the guise of a member of the Prime Minister's Office. "There is reason to fear the dangerous mix of political activities and government work," Katz said. "The Prime Minister's Office cannot be turned into the general headquarters of the ruling party."

NEWS in brief

MKs: Classroom hours must be restored

The Knesset Education Committee is to meet again next week to determine whether the 70,000 classroom hours cut last year have been restored, as was agreed upon in the agreement signed on August 31 that permitted the opening of the school year. At a committee meeting yesterday, Histaadrai Teachers Union head Avraham Ben-Shabbat said 30,000 of the 70,000 hours were still missing, and committee chairman Emanuel Zissmann said a spot check showed only 25% of the hours had been restored. Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell insisted all the hours had been returned. The committee also stated its opposition to planned cuts in the education budget. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Pollard asks to be recognized as Israeli agent

Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to force the government to take responsibility for his actions and recognize him as an agent. During the closed-door hearing, a three-justice panel ordered the government to grant Pollard's wife, Esther, meetings with senior security officials during the next two months, and then return for another hearing. The state had asked for a six-month delay. Mrs. Pollard said she was pleased with the court's willingness to consider her petition. "The government seems to be beginning to realize that it's got to deal with this," she told reporters. Pollard's lawyer, Larry Dub, said an acknowledgement that Pollard was an agent could pave the way for his release. Pollard has served 13 years of a life term in a US jail. *AP*

Supreme Court upholds Rosenstein remand

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected Ze'ev Rosenstein's appeal against Tel Aviv District Court's decision that he be remanded until Friday. He is being held in connection with the murders of Ilan Aslan and Ya'acov Kahalon and a murder attempt on Manny Aslan. *litm*

Police seeking body snatcher

Haifa police are looking for Haim Nanikashvili, 23, of Kiryat Ata, who is suspected of stealing a corpse from the morgue at Rambam Hospital. Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Nanikashvili, who allegedly took the body of Eitan Michaeli, who was stabbed to death in a commercial dispute in Kiryat Motkin on October 15, from the morgue and brought it to Michaeli's parent's home, where relatives prevented police from reclaiming it for an autopsy. Nanikashvili has ignored several police requests that he appear for questioning. *litm*

Lubotzky: Shas itself petitions High Court

Following the statements by Shas mentor Ovadia Yosef that the religious public should boycott the secular legal system, MK Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) yesterday noted that Shas itself has filed eight petitions to the High Court in recent years, including some on religious-related issues. "Apparently, [either] Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's words do not bind the Shas faction or the courts are kosher when Shas is hurt and treif when the situation is the other way round," Lubotzky said. *Liat Collins*

Hebrew University launches \$600m. campaign

The Hebrew University has launched a \$600 million fundraising campaign with the opening of the academic year, aimed at providing new dormitories and social services for pupils, improving computer and communications equipment, and funding new academic centers and research activities. The university is beginning its first full academic year with Prof. Menachem Magidor as president and Prof. Menachem Ben-Sasson as rector. Among the new programs being offered this year are a master's program in environmental science, a master's in human genetics and a master's in agriculture being taught in English. In addition, the Rothberg School for Overseas Students will be offering students in the One Year Program a specialization in business administration and economics. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Scribes no longer threatened by lead poisoning

Ritual scribes (*sofanim*) no longer suffer from the occupational hazard of lead poisoning. Jerusalem researchers have found that the scribes' switch to prepared, non-leaded inks instead of preparing them by themselves has spared them from lead-poisoning symptoms. Dr. Yoram Finkelstein, a senior neurotoxicologist at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, and Dr. Yona Amitai, a toxicologist in the pediatrics department of Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus, recently examined 46 scribes from the Jerusalem area who have worked for a year to 20 years. None of the scribes had high lead levels. The results were presented at a recent toxicology conference in Haifa and reported in *Shaare Zedek's Shaar Patuah* bulletin. *Judy Siegel*

Dangerous heart procedure performed on baby

Prof. Bernardo Vidne, of the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, performed a Ross procedure — the replacement of a diseased aortic heart valve with the patient's own pulmonary valve — on an 18-month-old. The operation had never been done here on such a young patient. The baby boy will be discharged in a few days. The procedure was developed in the 1980s by a British physician named Ross, but since it is dangerous, it has been applied, with care, only in the last few years, mostly on adults. *Judy Siegel*

סקרן מן הארץ

UN suspends monitoring operations in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The UN temporarily suspended operations of its weapons inspectors yesterday after the Iraqi government ordered all Americans working for the inspection team to leave the country within a week.

The chief UN weapons inspector, Richard Butler, also said he was shelving plans for the time being to visit Baghdad on November 7 as planned.

Butler said the estimated 100 employees of the UN Special Commission, which conducts the inspections, would continue to work in their offices but would conduct no field operations for the time being.

Butler, a former Australian ambassador to the UN, also said Iraq's demand was unacceptable.

"We have a big job to do," Butler said. "Our staff are much stretched in getting that job done." He said the inspection team wanted to

resume work as soon as possible "but I'm not prepared to have this work continue on the basis that Iraq can say to us which person from which country is or isn't acceptable."

"Who's next," he asked? "Today the United States? Tomorrow the United Kingdom? This is wrong. Iraq is a party to an agreement married with the Security Council of the United Nations which specifically states that they are obliged to accept whatever staff UNSCOM hires to do the job."

Ten of the 40 inspectors currently stationed in Iraq are US citizens. Americans also hold key positions in the Special Commission, including its deputy, Charles Duelfer.

The inspectors are trying to determine whether Iraq has complied with UN orders to dismantle all long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction — which was a condition for ending

the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The council has said it will lift crippling economic sanctions, imposed in 1990 after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, only after the inspectors certify full compliance.

Butler said the Iraqis had accused his team of being "a kind of anthill of Americans" but "it's not true." He said the Chileans, who fly inspectors' helicopters, constitute the largest single nationality but he would not give specific figures for safety reasons.

Butler said he would have to consult with the Americans before deciding how to respond to Iraq's demand about no longer using US reconnaissance planes for surveillance.

"To say that this aircraft carries out United States spywork, for which we are providing cover, is something that I simply and utterly reject," Butler said.

Sudan peace talks resume after 3-year break

By MATTHEW BGG

NAIROBI (Reuters) — Peace talks between the Sudanese government and rebels, aimed at ending Africa's longest-running war, were due to open in Nairobi yesterday after a three-year break marked by increased fighting and significant rebel gains.

Central to the talks between Sudan's Islamic government (NIF) and the political wing of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) will be the right to self-determination for the south, analysts said.

The principle is enshrined in a six-point declaration by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) — a group of seven states mainly from the Horn of Africa and chaired by Kenya — under whose umbrella the talks are being held.

The talks are aimed at ending the civil war in Africa's largest country, which has claimed 1.3 million lives through war and famine since it restarted in 1983.

The war pits the NIF government of the Moslem and mainly Arab north against the SPLA, which

claims to represent a largely Christian and animist south.

Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Osman Mohammad Taha leads the NIF team, while Commander Salva Kiir, chief of staff of the SPLA leads the rebel delegation.

Kenyan Foreign Minister Kalonzo Musyoka was returning from Britain yesterday to host the talks, delayed from Tuesday, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Musyoka was due to host an opening ceremony later yesterday before the talks proper start today. But the Sudan People's

Liberation Movement, the SPLA's political wing, said it was in the dark about the program.

"We are waiting for the opening session, which we are told will be this afternoon. We haven't been told the exact venue... we haven't yet been told anything from the mediators," rebel spokesman Cmdr. Nihal Deng told Reuters.

President Hassan Omar Bashir's government walked out of IGAD talks in 1994, refusing to negotiate the declaration of principles while it contained reference to self-determination.



Fair compensation
Czech Holocaust victims demonstrate in front of the German Embassy in Prague yesterday seeking speedy settlement of individual compensation claims. The placard at bottom left reads: "Don't falsify history, fair compensation for the truth." (Reuters)

Mandela, Gadaffi meet for 2nd time in week

TUNIS (Reuters) — South African President Nelson Mandela yesterday arrived in Libya and met Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi for the second time in a week, Libyan state-run television reported.

Mandela, who spent the night at the Tunisian island of Djerba, went by road to Zuwarah, where he was greeted by Gaddafi with a hug and a kiss on each cheek.

The UN banned flights in and out of Libya in 1992 to force Libya to hand over to Britain or the US two Libyan suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am

airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland in which 270 people died.

Mandela's decision to return to Libya had sparked speculation, which he has denied, that he was seeking to mediate in the dispute over a Lockerbie trial venue.

"I made it clear (earlier) that I am not mediating on the Lockerbie issue... I am meeting President Gaddafi on things of mutual concern between our respective countries and ourselves and that's all," Mandela said Tuesday in Rabat after talks with Morocco's King Hassan.

Asian prostitutes seek recognition

By RUBEN ALABASTRO

MANILA (Reuters) — A group of Asian prostitutes attending an AIDS congress yesterday urged governments to recognize their profession and said that being forced to work underground is promoting the spread of AIDS.

The four women and one man, representing the Asia-Pacific Sex Workers' Network, told a press conference that society should not treat them like criminals but protect them from police harassment, including arrest, assault, and rape.

"We call on the delegates to the International Congress on AIDS... to recognize that sex work is an occupation... to accept it is the unsafe conditions at work rather than sex work itself that causes risk of HIV infection," the group said in a statement.

It launched the call at the end of a four-day

international AIDS conference in Manila to discuss how to curb the spread of the disease in the Asia/Pacific region.

UN officials estimate that by last year up to seven million Asians were carrying the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Global estimates of the infection stood at 23 million last year. The number is expected to double by 2000, with probably half of those infected being in Asia.

UN officials say heterosexual sex accounts for the majority of the infections.

"We want that we are able to work and not be arrested," said Thai bargirl Napaporn Soimalai, 29.

Napaporn said she is now a student at a Bangkok university studying psychology but

Tensions high after killing of Bosnian Croat

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — A wave of killings targeting Croats in Bosnia has aggravated tensions in the country's Moslem-Croat federation and jeopardized plans for refugees to return to their homes, Western officials said yesterday.

The murder of a 30-year-old Bosnian Croat man this week near the central town of Travnik was the latest in a series of killings over the past several months which have left six Croats dead.

Travnik was shot dead and his father and teenage brother were wounded on the same street where a double murder of Croats occurred in August, police said.

Bosnian police have so far failed to solve the murder cases which coincide with agreements between Croat and Moslem leaders to allow refugees to move back to the area and to form joint police forces.

Police in Bosnia's Moslem-Croat federation said they were investigating the possibility that hardline elements opposed to the power-sharing agreements in the federation may have been behind the violence.

International police monitors said that, whatever the motivation for the murder of Domic, the violence carries "immediate political ramifications," UN spokesman Liam McDowall told Reuters.

"This is a very sensitive area where people had expressed a desire to move back to their homes," McDowall said.

"As a consequence, we are trying to put all our resources towards assisting the police in getting speedy results on these murder cases." Croat leaders in the federation and the foreign minister of neighboring Croatia expressed outrage over the murders.

"I most strongly condemn yet another in a series of disturbing crimes against Croats in central Bosnia," Foreign Minister Mate Granic told the state news agency.

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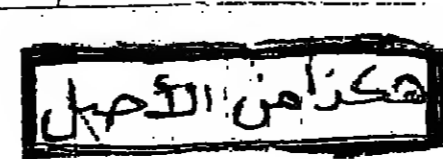
German defense minister: Neo-Nazism in army scandalous

BONN (AP) — Defense Minister Volker Ruesch ordered his top officers to investigate the source of neo-Nazi sentiments in the German army and work up measures to get rid of it.

The order came after a home-made video showing soldiers giving the Hitler salute and talk about killing Jews surfaced last week. The tape was made in 1994-95 by the same battalion responsible for a similar video that was uncovered in July.

Ruebe told parliament's defense committee yesterday that the behavior of the 571st Mountain Infantry battalion was scandalous and had damaged the entire army's image, committee members said.

But he said it was unfair to condemn the army because of the "lapses of individual soldiers." Nowhere, he said, "is action taken so unrelentingly against extremism and radical violence as in the German army."



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Off to Swaziland

Britain's Prince of Wales at London's Heathrow Airport on Tuesday with his younger son, Prince Harry, before departing on an official visit to Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa. Prince Harry, 13, will attend two public engagements with his father, a Spice Girls charity concert and a visit to the Kwazulu village of Duku Duku.

Astronaut and cosmonaut

By TOM ROSE

With his custom-fitted seat liner built to cushion the blow of a Russian "hard landing" installed in the Soyuz capsule docked to the Mir space station, Dr. David A. Wolf is finally a member of the Mir 24 crew and a cosmonaut.

As both an astronaut and a cosmonaut, David Wolf is now the newest member of the most exclusive fraternity of space travelers. That an American Jew from Indianapolis has been called upon to help repair this aged Russian space station must pain the antisemitic remnants of the Soviet monolith that built and launched the space craft as much as it thrills and inspires those of us who have known and (idolized) David Wolf since childhood.

Say what you will about the Russians, but months of media hysteria notwithstanding, they have managed to build and maintain what is by far the safest and most reliable vehicle ever built for human travel. During its eleven years on orbit, space station Mir has traveled a staggering 1.6 billion miles at an average speed of 17,500 mph without ever injuring a single passenger or even coming in for a tuce up Try that on your family sedan!

The world is now rapidly learning what those of us who grew up with David Wolf have known for a long time: that the extraordinary man our ootioo just delivered to further Russian-US coop-

He epitomizes the attributes we all seem to agree are in short supply: hard work, discipline, courage, commitment, humility and, most of all, perseverance.

eration and conduct important medical and scientific research during a scheduled four-month, 64-million mile journey is a true American hero. He epitomizes the attributes we all seem to agree are in short supply: hard work, discipline, courage, commitment, humility and, most of

all, perseverance. David Wolf's determination to comprehend and ultimately transcend the once immutable laws of gravity started some three decades ago on Oakwood Drive, a quiet Indianapolis street peopled by middle-class, middle-American Jews. It was there that America's newest space hero conducted some of his earliest experiments, which included examining the results of picking up Yours Truly by the ankles and dropping him face first into the neighboring Levinsons' evergreen bushes. While I didn't start out as a fully cooperative subject in David Wolf's mastery of Newtonian principles, the cuts had barely started to heal before I began to fully appreciate the degree to which I was helping David advance the human condition. The more David Wolf accomplished and the closer he came to fulfilling his lifelong dream of living and working in space, my adulation - ooce considered bizarre - found its heavenly vindication.

I was about three when, from deep inside the Levinsons' evergreen bushes, I first looked up in amazement at David Wolf. While I have been looking up to David ever since, I oow have a world of company. We are all looking up to David Wolf: 241 miles up. In fact, with clear skies, David Wolf's orbiting home can be seen most mornings in the minutes just before 6 a.m. as a small but clear white light streaking across Chicago's southeastern sky.

As the younger (and therefore insignificant) brother of a childhood friend, my connection to David Wolf was limited to legend and lore. While David Wolf achieved oear mythic status to us kids, his specter posed a troublesome dilemma for our folks. On the one hand, parents could only pray that their children would study as hard and achieve as much as David Wolf (being Reform, mine obviously didn't pray hard enough); while on the other hand, they were hardly anxious to encourage us to be too much like David Wolf. After all, the real miracle is not that David Wolf survived a childhood of jumping out of windows, building bombs, crashing motorcycles, and flying stunt planes, but that his mother made it out alive.

As for my family, I am proud to say that the not-so-subtle avocation of David Wolf idol worship has successfully been passed to a oew generation. It was all I could do to keep my three-year-old son, who has been programmed to live and breathe David Wolf since birth, from literally leaping off my shoulders as we jumped in jubilation as the four and a half million pound rocket that catapulted our beloved friend into orbit produced the greatest show oo earth. Not only did the night launch transform Florida darkness into daylight, but the space shuttle Atlantis reached for the heavens with a speed and a brilliance I am still trying to digest. One minute after liftoff, Atlantis was racing upward at 1,500 mph and was already 50 miles down range. Five and a half minutes later, Atlantis, traveling 15,000 mph and a hundred miles high, was now half way to Europe, viewing its first sunrise and yet was still clearly visible from Florida. In the time it took us to roud up the kids and drive back to the hotel, David and his crewmates had already logged nearly 30,000 miles.

If and when he is successful in establishing a reliable communication link from MIR after Atlantis heads back to earth, David Wolf has promised to send me regular reports about daily life aboard his wondrous new home and has encouraged me to share his letters with you. Until then, I can only wish my dear friend a Jewish New Year filled with safety, good health, productive science and of course, soft landings.

The writer, a Hollinger International executive, lives in Chicago.

Our men in space

By DAVID WOLF

Dear Tom and Doug, Since there is so much to tell you about life up here on Mir, I am uncertain about even where to begin. To tell you the truth, I don't know how anyone could adequately reduce an experience like this to words in any language. I guess I should just try to convey something about this sense-saturating experience in workable and intelligible snippets. I will start with the mundane and hope that the sublime follows. After all, I am just a scientist.

On the work front, we opened up the laboratory where I will be managing the heavy retinue of science we have planned for this mission, and I am delighted to report that things are going incredibly well. In fact, far better than any of us had expected, which is saying quite a bit considering that we all began this project with high expectations. We have already made some rather startling discoveries about what happens to cancer cells when cultivated in the three-dimensional tissue cultures we are able to produce up here in zero gravity, but I will report more about that later.

We just received our first resupply from an unmanned Russian Progress ship. It was quite something to see the robot ship emerge in and out of the darkness as it slowly moved in for rendezvous and docking. (Remember that up here, sunrises and sunsets occur every few minutes.)

Our commander, Anatoly Soloyev, was working from a tele-operated docking station that produced the view as seen from the pilotless cargo vessel. Its computer corrected for errors in the cross hairs on the docking target, making it act as though it were almost human. Anatoly's hands were lightly poised on the remote control sticks, ready to manually assume control at the first sign that the computer onboard Progress was making bad decisions. Anatoly and Pavel Vinogradov, my other Russian crewmate, were both continually checking the speeds and positions of each spacecraft from the console onboard Mir.

I couldn't help but be struck by the image of confidence bred by decades of experience and training that these two giants of the Russian space program demonstrated as they guided our two ships together. Think. The ships mated pretty firmly - which is perfectly normal. There were oo pressure sensations in my ears. Once the docking mechanisms were properly engaged, the silence of the finely tuned nerves up here was broken by laughter and hearty handshakes. Supplies had arrived!

As we opened up the Progress, we discovered that each of us had been seat a bag of gifts. To whoever was responsible, thanks! The Russians say it is like an early Christmas. Lots of candy, and fresh food for dinner, which turned into a night on orbit I will never forget. Although I haven't been gone long, I know I will be, so the stuff really means a lot. Not only did we share good food, our favorite Russian music, and great friendships, but we did it while watching the world go by. Now try that down there.

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The unbearable limits of globalism

By GLENN KESSLER

WASHINGTON President Clinton has preached the gospel of global markets ever since he took office five years ago, arguing that the United States was no island that could shut itself off from trade, investments or economic trends.

Yet Tuesday, the president emphasized that the United States was an island of stability in a world of economic turbulence — even though it was a currency crisis in Hong Kong that sparked a worldwide stock market plunge that helped topple US stock markets Monday.

"I'd like to ask all of us to remember that our economy is as strong and vibrant today as it has been in a generation," Clinton said in Chicago during an early-morning speech on education issues.

"With unemployment and inflation at their lowest levels in two decades, businesses and banks healthy and sound, new jobs being created every day, our economy is continuing to grow steady and strong."

Investors apparently agreed, struggling off yet another plunge in the Hong Kong market and pushing the Dow Jones industrial average up more than 377 points by the end of the day.

But if anything, the sudden twists and turns underscored to what degree economic policy-makers have their hands tied by the global markets, analysts said. Absent any sign of a sudden cash crunch among securities dealers and banks, like in 1987, there was little the administration and the Federal Reserve could do Tuesday but watch the ticker.

"Our fundamentals are still good, but we are linked forever to the



An electric stock indicator flashes the big loss on the Tokyo stock market on Tuesday. The sign reads: Today's average -725.

global markets," said David Jones, chief economist at Aulrey Lanston & Co. in New York. "That's the lesson for today."

"There isn't too much policy-makers can do," said Irwin Kellner, president of Kellner Economic Advisers and a professor at Hofstra University in New York.

Much of Wall Street will be listening to see if Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hints that the Fed is less likely to increase interest rates. Previously, Greenspan indicated the Fed was leaning toward raising rates because he feared continued strength in the economy would spark inflation. But

many experts said this week that the drop in the stock market from its once lofty heights was likely to lead to a slowdown in economic growth — in effect, taking care of Greenspan's No. 1 concern.

"The global capital markets are doing his job for him," Jones said. Perhaps few within the adminis-

tration understood that better than Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who once ran Goldman, Sachs & Co. and was regarded on Wall Street as a fearsome trader. Rubin publicly has taken a polished tone of nonchalance about the stock-market dips, appearing informally before cameras Monday night.

Rubin noted that "payment and settlement systems and other market mechanisms are working effectively," — code for saying that Wall Street dealers were not facing the cash crunch that nearly melted the market during the 1987 crash. And he also stressed the solid US economy.

White House officials said Clinton referred to the market Tuesday only because he had been scheduled to speak in public. "If he had not said something, it would have looked odd," one official said.

Wall Street analysts praised the White House and the Fed for their low-key handling of the situation. "By and large, the best they can do is what they've been doing," said Donald Fine, chief market analyst at Chase Asset Management.

Unlike 10 years ago, when the budget deficit was soaring and the banking system was weak, today, the economy is in good shape, the experts said. "The US is clearly able to weather this storm better than any country on Earth," Fine said.

During Tuesday's 8 a.m. staff meeting at the White House, Rubin gave a sober account of the overnight activity in the Asian markets.

He was back at the White House at 10 a.m. for a scheduled meeting with economic officials on the administration's stalled push for new presidential authority to negotiate trade deals.

The herd factor

By TERENCE MONAHAN

LOS ANGELES — In the classical view, the stock market is like a vast computer that works according to inviolable economic laws, and investors are rational beings exercising a disciplined calculus to part with their hard-won cash.

But in an emerging view — one that may shed some light on the market's astronomical ups and downs the last two days — investment specialists and social scientists argue that they are finding a whole lot of raw emotion and frail psychology in the "demand" half of the crowning equation of "supply and demand."

The coupling of Monday's 554-point drop and Tuesday's 337-point rise in the Dow Jones "is an extreme example of the fact that Wall Street decision-making is based on emotional, not rational, analysis," said Maurice Eivlekov, a psychologist and financial analyst in Bloomfield Hill, Mich.

He attributes the wild trading to "herd behavior" largely on the part of fund managers, who on Monday reacted en masse to a crisis in Far East markets by selling, and then on Tuesday lapped up the now-discounted spoils.

"Presumably the professional managers are doing their own thinking and analysis," he said. "But they all tend to live in the same world and are very concerned about quarterly results. They don't want to be left behind."

It is only one of the oddities of "investment psychology" that professional money managers, with their high-flying financial credentials and reams of computer data at their fingertips, should be ignominiously compared to a bunch of skittish zebras fleeing a hungry lion.

Beyond herding, social scientists have documented or postulated other ways in which decidedly non-economic emotions sway decisions to buy or sell stocks — including a paralyzing fear of loss, self-aggrandizement, wishful thinking, and a sort of optimistic group-think.

No less an authority than the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, acknowledged that there was more to market valuations than coldly assessed bottom lines when he said earlier this year that the stock market was subject to "irrational exuberance."

Neil Weinstein, a Rutgers University psychologist specializing in decision-making theory, said that psychologists are making inroads into the "dismal science" of economics. "There's

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We just had a happy Russian. It was quite a moment. The robot ship of the moved in the docking here, and it occurred even though our Soloviyev had a tele-operation that produced a very high level of performance in the docking through the human. It was a very lightly pressed control system that allowed us to control all aspects of the docking. The Russian crew was very professional and the docking was a very successful one. The Russian crew was very professional and the docking was a very successful one.

Retirees must accept risks

By STAR JORDAN

WASHINGTON — You might not think you're a risk taker, but the latest Wall Street has overdone it. It may be enough to make you want to avoid the stock market altogether.

But many retirees, especially if they depend on their investments to supplement their income from Social Security and pensions, just have to accept the risks associated with investing in the stock market, financial planners say.

The reasons are rooted in a combination of good news and bad news.

The good news is that people who retire at 65 today can look

forward to living into their eighties. The bad news is that many people have the wrong mix of assets in their savings plans, such as a 60-40 portfolio.

"At almost any age, a retiree should have a fairly long-term horizon," said Jack May, a financial planner at Clark, Neilsen & Associates Ltd. "That doesn't mean that a 70-year-old's portfolio would be the same as a 40-year-old's. But retirees need more growth than their heads in the sand and depend on bonds and certificates of deposit to fund their retirement. To keep up with inflation, now rising at a modest 3 percent a year, retirees will have to keep a certain amount of money in stocks to

include stocks in their portfolios, despite the wild swings of the past few days, May said. Even with Monday's plunge, investors have had a pretty good return this year, and if they've been investing in stocks for several years, their gains will have been substantial.

John MacIntyre, a financial planner at Armstrong, Welch & MacIntyre, says the way retirees divide up their investments should depend on a number of factors, including their need for current income, their life expectancy and their comfort level with taking risks.

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The buck stops in the Knesset

The first thing to remember when caught in a stock market plunge like that which hit the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on Tuesday is: don't panic. Many such plunges are driven more by fear than reality. Indeed, as Wall Street recovered after its paroxysm of corrections and readjustments, the TASE yesterday followed suit, moving back on the upswing.

The wild financial gyrations that swept through the world this past week are certainly proof that the global economy is a reality, here and now. Market snuffles in East Asia cause capital coughs in London and securities sneezes in Mexico. A web so complex no individual really comprehends it all connects and determines the fortunes of people on opposite sides of the oceans who have never met each other. Billions of dollars flow in microseconds through strands of computer cables.

Israel is also a part of this new world economic order, which is why the Asian economic crisis was able to hop the Pacific to New York and continue straight to Tel Aviv. In that sense, the TASE drops earlier this week can be viewed as the good news: if it weren't for the strong connections between Tel Aviv and the New York Stock Exchange, through Israeli high-tech ventures and foreign capital investments here, the effect would not have been so strong. As New York rebounds, so does Tel Aviv. High-tech firms can be expected to continue in their role as the leading engine of Israeli exports. This was a central theme in the comments made by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Tuesday as he attempted to soothe investors worried by that day's losses.

Nevertheless, it would be a mistake to complacently concentrate on the stock market rebounds and relegate the Asian-triggered plunge as a nuisance at worst indirectly causing some readjustments in the Tel Aviv bourse. Not that Israel is in the path of the Asian domino effect — it is simply too far removed for that. But it has, at least since the early Nineties when GNP growth surged at a 7% annual clip, been appearing in the listings of major Western business newspapers under the same "emerging market" category as Thailand and Malaysia. Those same listings, the source of pride to some, may come back to haunt Israel if global investors become shy of putting their money in emerging markets. This will require Israeli policymakers to strive to prove that the Asian economic plague has not infected this corner of the world. As always, that will mean paying close attention to long-term fundamentals, not short-term fluctuations. And with regard to those fundamentals, Israel is not out of the woods yet.

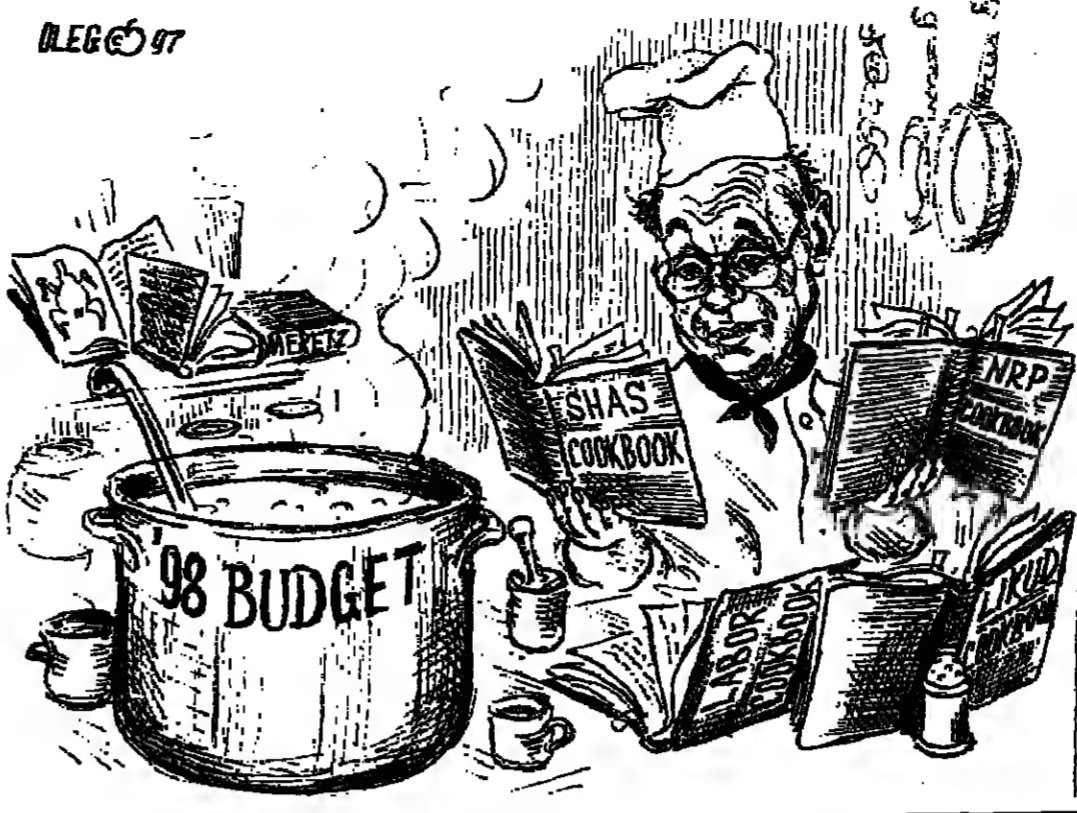
Economists have not yet figured out how to avoid boom-and-bust cycles. The US went

through a bust phase some nine years ago, marked by unemployment, sagging property values, and savings-and-loan bank collapses. It has rebounded remarkably well, and now has a surging low-inflation, low-unemployment economy. The busts which affected emerging markets in subsequent years, such as Mexico and now Southeast Asia, have so far been less kind. This in part reflects poor fundamentals in many of those emerging economies, such as shaky banking systems, trade deficits, uncontrolled property markets, and large doses of corruption.

Israel is now going through a relatively mild economic slowdown. Avoiding Asian-scaled losses and bringing the economy in to a soft landing and takeoff again will require vigilance on the part of policymakers. They cannot afford to ignore warning signals and must learn from the mistakes made in Asia. For one thing, the banking system in Israel has for too long been government-owned. The sale of Bank Hapoalim was an important first step, but it needs to be followed up. A strong and competitive banking system is a must in the race to keep up in the global economy.

Capital market reforms and liberalization must go hand-in-hand with soboring up the banking system. Ultimately, this will require lowering the Bank of Israel's high interest rates, which are acting as a rein on the economy. They are also attracting "hot money" — international capital seeking a high return anywhere in the world. It is for this reason that betting on the shekel has lately been a smart move — while Israel's inflation is around an annual 10%, the shekel has been devalued against the dollar only about 17% over the last five years. But the hot money can flow out as easily as it came in, leading to contracting effects and devaluation pressure on the shekel. An eye should also be kept on the real estate market, which enjoyed a boom fueled by large-scale immigration early in the decade but has now taken a down-turn. High interest rates can further dampen housing prices, and in the worst case lead to defaults on loans, weakening the banking system.

Lowering interest rates while avoiding capital flight and sharp devaluations is in turn dependent on reining in inflation. The buck therefore stops in the Knesset, now beginning the budget approval process. It needs to listen carefully to the message coming out of Asia. The global economy works swiftly and is merciless. Reducing Israel's budget, lowering inflation, and pushing forward privatization cannot be put off indefinitely. Importing Asian-scale woes to Israel's cities will not be pleasant to anyone, least of all the weaker socio-economic sectors.



Dig out the truth

Whispered reports of an attempted smokescreen by Mossad top brass to hide their responsibility for the fiasco of the botched operation aimed at killing Hamas lynchpin Khaled Mashaal in Amman last month are reaching this column.

Naturally, we have faith in the commitment of the members of the Clarification Committee to dig out the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth of what happened in the Jordanian capital. This despite the dubious blurring which marred such previous official investigations into foul-ups of one kind or another in Israel.

One sure guarantee of no such cover-up is the presence on the committee of Dan Tolkowsky, a former air force commander. An engineer, from a strong Zionist background, he will certainly not be moved by post- or neo-Zionist conceptions that Jewish patriotism and honor must be sacrificed on the altar of pleasing the gentile world.

Tolkowsky built up the IAF in the 1950s and handled the complexities of remodeling the force when it switched to absorbing French-made jets.

He won the undying devotion of men of all ranks by always being on hand before and after operations.

Soft-spoken, quiet, unlike Ezer Weizman who later took over the same role, Tolkowsky thinks before he speaks. When he left the air force he involved himself in encouraging investment by America and other foreign countries in Israeli military and civilian industries.

His sense of justice encourages us to think that he will not be swayed by political moves or be moved by efforts on behalf of government, military or security chiefs to hush the true causes of the bungled Mashaal operation. In addition to listening to the excuses offered up by senior Mossad chiefs, the entire committee should also listen to the words of past, highly experienced operatives who won their laurels in the field.

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

role in the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. Many of his exploits are still top-secret.

Says Malchin: "The Mashaal operation was doomed to failure from the outset. Any commander of such an operation would have known it the moment the plan was unveiled to him. Such a commander will surely have the right to express his opinion and refuse to jeopardize professional to do it at night.

"The choice of using a poison liquid or gas shows that the planning of the operation gave no thought whatsoever to the consequence of their action. What's wrong with a bullet from a gun fitted with a silencer? Or an explosive device?"

"Everyone in Israel is aware that all our Arab neighbors have invested billions of dollars in gas and chemical weapons of destruction. They are aware that the use of such weapons are outlawed worldwide.

"And like a gift from Allah, the Jews have provided Arab leaders with a justification for unleashing these banned means of destruction against Israel. You can hear them explaining, 'The Mossad tried to kill an innocent Arab in Amman with poison, so is it not just for us to use a weapon they themselves employ? You are handing legitimacy on a golden platter to every Arab tyrant, but in particular to terrorist leaders, to use chemical or gas weapons.

"On a purely technical issue, why was it necessary to send a five or six man team on this operation? The more operatives you send, the bigger the danger of being caught. This was basically a one or two man job.

"And why were genuine Canadian passports used when forged ones would have been just as effective, thus diluting anger from Ottawa?" Danny Yatom shows, no sign of resigning which is his only honorable course as holding primary responsibility for the fiasco in Amman. On the contrary, everything points in the direction of blaming the operatives for suffering some sort of unexpected blackout at a critical moment.

Binyamin Netanyahu is well aware of the true situation, thus we are baffled at his decision not to fire his Mossad chief.

We feel confident that Tolkowsky, a man of the highest integrity, will at the very least ensure that the truth win out, even if he finds it necessary to issue a minority report, and that Danny Yatom finally does his duty and quits as a result.

The writers are Jerusalem Post columnists

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his life and of his men unless a different plan of action be evolved.

"The plan was childish in concept, amateurish and devoid of any chance of success. It had as many holes as a large sieve, impractical and clumsy. It would make a junior recruit blush with shame. It was done in Jordan — a neighboring, friendly country — but let us put that aside, as it is a political issue.

"First and foremost, anybody — even a casual tourist who visits an Arab country — will know that the streets of every small town, let alone a major city, always are crowded during the day with people walking not only on the pavement, but spilling out into the middle of the road. Driving a car is a hazardous and slow process.

"Who in his right mind would suggest that an operative drive to the scene of an assassination and try and escape in a car? You could use a motorbike, as often used in the past. It is fast and people scatter when you hear the noise coming up behind you.

"Or better still, the operative could do it on foot. It would be easier to walk or run away. You are lost in the crowd before anyone can link or realize what has happened. But a car? That's crazy. Why in broad daylight? Surely it's far more

Getting personal

LARRY DEFNER

Like Yossi Sarid, I too raise Yitzhak Shamir. Relatively speaking, that is. No leader of mine ever alienated me like Shamir did — not Reagan, not Nixon, not LBJ at the height of the Vietnam War. Shamir was Number One. Then along came Bibi Netanyahu.

What is it about this guy? Netanyahu and his supporters like to think that all the animosity towards him is just sour grapes, that the Left can't reconcile itself to the loss of power. We hear this frequently, more or less hourly.

But I tell you, that's not it. The Left has been rejected before, quite a few times, and nobody ever managed to work up such a distaste, such a personal antipathy, for Shamir or Menachem Begin like I've have for Netanyahu.

What, another personal attack on the prime minister? Yes indeed. You see; this is the point. It's not just his politics, it's him. It's the man himself.

Not that politics doesn't play the main part in our feelings about Netanyahu. We think he's trashing any chance for peace. And he has this right-wing worldview that rubs us the wrong way.

But there are public figures, powerful ones, who are decidedly to the right of Netanyahu, and while we on the Left are completely repelled by their politics, we respect them as people of good personal character.

Take Shamir. Say what you want, he's an honest man. He treats other people decently. He has basic humility, like most of the rest of us.

The same goes for Benny Begin. And for Uzi Landau. And Limor Livnat. I'm not saying we like these Likudniks. (We do like Benny Begin, though. Everybody likes Benny Begin, except Netanyahu.) It's just that our problem with them is purely

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political. Personally, there's no problem.

So it is with the two biggest hawks in the National Religious Party — Shaul Yahalom and Hanan Porat. Hanan Porat, Gush Emunim's man in the Knesset — is that right-wing enough for you? He strikes me as a good enough person. I can watch him on TV and eat at the same ome. No problem.

NOW let's consider Netanyahu. Would anybody who isn't on his payroll call him an honest man? Does he treat other people well? Does he have even a trace of humility?

No. He has the merest, most glancing familiarity with the truth. He's a user.

He radiates conceit. He will win at any cost, and it's not enough that he wins — the other guy has to know that he's been defeated, humiliated. Netanyahu has a way of humiliating people. Even his wife.

So if anybody is wondering why Netanyahu is so disliked, ask yourself this: What is there to like?

He's not alone, though, on the Left's blacklist. There are others who, for reasons beyond their politics, just put us off instinctively.

Like Avigdor Lieberman. There's something sinister about him. He's a soft-spoken political hit man. It's not that he's Russian; no other Russian political figure does this to us. It would be the same if he were eighth-generation Jerusalemite.

Also Itzahi Hanegbi. A cold, ruthless individual. He has an air of menace about him, which anybody familiar with his history has to be aware of.

Not too far behind Netanyahu, Lieberman and Hanegbi is Ehud Olmert. He comes off as such a sleaze, and his vanity and smugness just hit you in the face. If he runs against Netanyahu for the leadership of the Likud, who exactly are we supposed to root for?

But returning to Netanyahu, there is one thing above all that puts him beyond the pale: We will remind him of it next Tuesday night, November 4, at Kikar Rabin.

He can say what he wants, he can protest his innocence until he's blue in the face, but he led the movement that bears collective moral guilt for Rabin's murder.

After that, even Prozac wouldn't have helped him. For us on the Left, Netanyahu can never be just a political opponent. With him, it's personal. Totally. How could it be otherwise?

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT JUST THE SEPHARDIM

Sir, — Susan Hattis Rolef, in her article "Not just the Sephardim" (October 7) refers to the apology of Ehud Barak to the early North African and Moslem immigrants, for the alleged injustices they suffered. She complains that the Labor establishment was guilty of "haughty and condescending attitude" to anything and anyone who "diverged from its own norms, culture and ideological beliefs."

Having lived through that period (Barak was not yet born or was just

a toddler), I can add that that includes most other immigrants, even those who came out of Zionist conviction to help build the country.

For example, going through the lists of cabinet ministers and top-level government officials during the whole of the Labor reign, one is struck by the very few appointments of Anglo-Saxons — Abba Eban being the exception (that proves the rule, and even he was later excluded from the list of party candidates for the Knesset!) — as against the frequently quite incompetent "party boys"

To be honest, ruling party bias in favor of its own people is a phenomenon of party politics everywhere, and we should not expect otherwise. But let the record be put straight: if there was discrimination. It was not just against the Sephardim.

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SARA VATTIZ
 Kfar Sava.

LOST THE SCRIPT

and restaurants. By any objective standards, the beaches are clean and the weather superb. Israelis are hospitable and the food is of an excellent international standard. Prices compare favorably.

But, and it's a big but, do I want to spend my money in a country which wishes to deny me my Jewishness

DAVID LATTER
 Scotland.

For a better police force

URIEL LYNN

The appointment of a new police inspector-general is traditionally considered a non-event. How wrong we are. The vision and ability of the inspector-general may affect the quality of our daily life more than any other governmental appointment, since it touches directly on our security and the security of our property.

While it is true enough that, whenever there are power struggles inside the police, the media delve more than a little into the matter; but there is hardly any discussion or insight regarding the very essence and the propriety of the appointment itself.

If we examine the functioning of the police over the past 20 years, we will soon realize that, aside from the questions of who leads the force and how well, this vital organization has a far more serious problem: the inability to free itself from its own traditional way of operating.

In the last two decades, we have had several inspectors-general who either rose from police ranks or who had come from the IDF. A good part of their work was devoted to PR. A few of the inspectors-general were outstanding and truly devoted to their job; one or two even deserve our admiration.

However, during this time we have not seen a significant change in police methods, or a marked improvement in its activities. No real change will occur during Inspector-General-Designate Yehuda Wilk's tenure if he, too, sticks to the old, traditional methods.

The measure by which we should evaluate the success of any police force is its ability to reduce crime and the extent of the real protection it provides the public from any unlawful assault on property or life.

If we use this yardstick to evaluate our police, it ends up with poor grades. Crime in Israel is not going down, it is definitely going up. True,

not know the meaning of service to the public or what courteous and patient behavior is. To be fair, other government agencies are not much better.

I prefer not to specify how many policemen are actually out on the streets every night in any of our large cities, trying to protect us from eventual crimes. I once asked an inspector-general in a Knesset Law Committee meeting this question, and the answer would stun even the most pessimistic.

The police just does not get to the streets. This is not on its agenda. It is not present at the scene of the crime before it happens. It does not try to deploy its forces in areas where it is really needed, or where everybody knows that more car thefts are bound to occur. The concept of crime prevention does not exist for our police force. It measures itself mainly in terms of its investigative ability.

Yes, the police will be very conspicuous where there is an illegal gathering, demonstrations, or massive clashes — in such places its performance is directly judged by the media. But the police is not mobilized to form an effective presence in the dark corners where hundreds of thousands of crimes are committed every year against property or person.

If the future inspector-general and internal security minister aspire to achieve a true improvement in police work and increase our sense of personal security, they must find a way to move police officers out of their stations and into the field, transform completely the working culture of this organization, and also educate the police as to how to treat people who need its protection. This is a formidable task, but is the only way to have a better police force.

The writer is a former chairman of the Knesset Law Committee

there are new problems facing the police: imported crime, exported crime, the inevitable crime which any new immigration wave brings, and a more vicious and sophisticated crime. But even if we refer to the boring data of crime against property, such as forcible entry to residential or commercial property, the protection provided by our police force is poor. The car theft industry is blossoming, while on the highways, breaking the law is the norm.

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WHY does the police perform so poorly? Is it because we face the more serious problem of the security of the state? I do not think so. Events related to internal security during the last 15 years have demonstrated that it is wrong, very wrong, to try and draw a line between personal security and state security.

The true answer to the police's unsatisfactory performance in fighting crime emanates from the very fact that the police force does not attempt to prevent crime, but only investigates crime after the fact.

Far away from the public eye, inside various police stations, our policemen sit, waiting for us to file charges and then receiving our complaints in a cool manner. Even potential victims such as women repeatedly threatened by their husbands or ex-lovers, who desperately need police protection, are treated in a manner that verges on indifference.

Israel's police force simply does

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On October 30, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported from London that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, still hoped to prevent the Partition of Palestine. He is understood to have privately expressed the view that Partition would be a disaster for the Anglo-Saxon world. Mr. Bevin had officially denied that statements had been made predicting a period of anarchy in Palestine after the withdrawal of British troops.

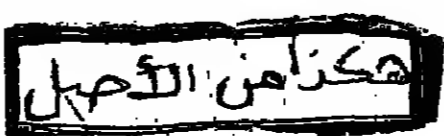
In Tel Aviv David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency

Executive, said that Bevin's policy in the past two years had been to thwart the creation of a Jewish and an Arab State and to perpetuate a Crown Colony regime to serve as a base for the British Army, Navy and Air Force. Speaking to the Arabs, Ben-Gurion paid a warm tribute to an Arab ruler (King Abdallah) who had raised a lone voice for peace and described him as an experienced statesman, a faithful Arab patriarch who wished well for his people and his country.

25 years ago: On October 30, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili had bitterly denounced the German surrender to Arab terrorists who hijacked a Lufthansa airliner and bargained the lives of 17 passengers and crew for the three surviving Munich massacre murderers jailed in Germany, who were released and flown to Tripoli.

Police rounded up 80 men and women in the Tel Aviv area in their drive against petty crime and hooliganism.

Alexander Zvielli



A culinary celebrity

Hidden talent

APPETITE FOR LIFE: The Biography of Julia Child by Noel Riley Fitch. New York, Doubleday. 569pp. \$25.95.

By Erica Marcus

Julia Child didn't publish the first volume of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* until she was 49 years old. The first 48 years of her life gave little indication that she would change the course of American eating and cooking. This presents a problem for Child's biographer, because the story doesn't really pick up steam until around page 200 of this 569-page book. It's slow going as we follow Julia's forebears to the wealthy new community of Pasadena, Calif., as we see her grow up privileged, spirited and - as Fitch never tires of telling us - all Julia goes to Wellesley, returns to California, then in 1942 goes to Washington for a job with the OSS - the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II spy agency - that takes her overseas.



Julia Child: Changed the course of American eating and cooking. (Paul Child)

When the OSS posts her to India and then to China, things start to get interesting. Even though Fitch has been repeatedly telling us what a singular character Julia is, this is the first time she's actually doing something singular. At 32, she begins to eat seriously, and she meets Paul Child, a sophisticated polymath also stationed in Asia. It takes Paul a while to return our heroine's romantic sentiments: The gullest, gangly and garrulous Julia doesn't conform to his idea of marriage material. Of course, he is won over, and the story of their devoted relationship, along with Julia's relationship to American eating habits, forms the backbone of the story.

After the war, Paul's job as a cultural officer with the State Department takes the newly married couple to Paris, where Julia meets her destiny. To please Paul, she decides to learn to cook. She's not a natural, but she perseveres and soon discovers that her true métier is not cooking per se, but teaching others to cook. After getting her diploma from the Cordon Bleu in 1952, she founds, along with two Frenchwomen, Simca Beck and Louise Bertholle, a small cooking school, L'École des Trois Gourmandes, which is geared toward teaching French techniques to visiting American housewives. Eventually the three women decide to collaborate on a cookbook with the same theme.

It's a testament to how minor this venture seemed in 1954 that Houghton Mifflin, the original publisher, paid the three women an advance against royalties of \$750.

Although it began as a modest project, the book swelled in pages and ambition to emerge seven years later as *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, published by Alfred A. Knopf. (Houghton Mifflin, upon seeing the mammoth final manuscript, had decided to pass.) If you consider the explosion of interest in cooking and dining one of the signal developments of postwar American culture, then *Mastering* is one of the most influential books of the century.

And Julia really had her work cut out for her. In 1961 you couldn't go to the supermarket and buy fresh asparagus, and most Americans didn't know that you could make mayonnaise from scratch. Rather than beat the public about the face and head with their shortcomings, however, Julia picked a middle road. According to Fitch, her "observations and opinions vacillated between two occasionally contradictory goals: making the recipes practical for the American cook and representing the true and historical recipes and techniques of classic French cooking." It's because Julia got this equation exactly right that she emerged during the '60s and '70s as a towering culinary

figure whose influence ranged far beyond the world of "gourmets." Among the other reasons for her ascension were her frightening candor and ease, her obvious intelligence and wit - and then there was TV. This biography serves to remind us of the often overlooked fact that Julia Child was as important to the development of public television as she was to the betterment of American food. In fact, she won PBS's first Emmy.

After her initial success, Julia's star never dimmed. She worked tirelessly to promote her books, foundations such as The American Institute of Wine and Food, and the idea of food as an essential pleasure to be savored. Yet although *Appetite for Life* sheds some light on the various food trends of the last four decades and introduces some of the key figures (James Beard, Jacques Pepin, M.F.K. Fisher, Anne Willan), it is far more concerned with establishing an adoring portrait of Julia than it is with painting a broader canvas of the culinary landscape. This adulatory perspective seems particularly inappropriate when you consider its famously self-deprecating subject.

In the end, Fitch seems to have very little interest in food. She describes an occasion during the writing of the second volume of *Mastering* when Julia "was not satisfied with the chocolate cake recipe Simca chose... (She) invited a chemist from Nestle to come for lunch and talk about the chemical composition, cocoa butter content and melting methods of their chocolate... She worked and reworked the directions herself." Great! But what was the problem with the recipe? How did Julia solve it? What did the final cake taste like?

Written by an author who loved to cook as much as she worshipped Julia Child, *Appetite for Life* could have been to American food what Robert Caro's *The Power Broker* is to New York City. But then again, it's a lot easier to write nice things about Julia than about Robert Moses. In fact, it's hard to think of a modern figure so worthy of worship as Julia Child. She achieved fame not by hitching her wagon to some obviously rising star, but by being devoted to and passionate about a pursuit that, at the time, no one really cared a whit about.

As a culinary celebrity, she spurred endorsements and vigorously promoted scores of chefs whom a lesser figure would have viewed as competition.

If readers finish *Appetite for Life* as I did, hungering for more hard-core food-talk, then I advise them to take down their batter-stained copy of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* and read the final words of Julia's preface. Even without the audio, her voice is inimitable: "Train yourself to use your hands and fingers: They are wonderful instruments. Train yourself also to handle hot foods; this will save time. Keep your knives sharp. Above all, have a good time."

(Newsday)

SEPHARDIC-AMERICAN VOICES: Two Hundred Years of a Literary Legacy edited by Diane Matza. Hanover, NH, University Press of New England. 363 pp. \$49.95.

By Jennie Tarabulus

This unique anthology introduces 15 authors representing American Sephardi writers. Nearly all are professors, teachers, freelancers whose publications appear in regional and national magazines and books, some winners of literary awards. One contributor interviewed by the editor expressed surprise so many other writers like him were publishing. The term Sephardim in its broadest sense refers to those who trace their ancestry to Spanish, Romanic (Greek) and Middle Eastern Jews. Writers in this anthology harbor folkways and mores from countries as diverse as Ecuador, Syria, Cuba, and Greece; their two common languages are Arabic and Ladino.

Who are they? Most were American born, others were taken there as children. Jordan Elgrably, for example, was born in Paris and taken by his Moroccan parents to Los Angeles. Excerpts from his upcoming novel *Stranger in an Island*, about an Ashkenazi journalist and Sephardi photographer covering the Lebanese war, are fascinating. He is featured in *Best Writers at Work 1994*. Fewer than 70,000 Sephardim immigrated to America between 1880 and 1924, less than 5 percent of American Jews. Unlike Eastern European immigrants who read or knew of great Yiddish writers, Sephardim lacked an equally great Judeo-Spanish literature. The crumbling Ottoman Empire, vividly described by Leon Sialky in selections from *Farewell to Salonica*, disassembled ethnic minorities, Muslim, Christian and Jewish. Some Sephardim who emigrated were illiterate; others, though proud of their ancient culture, lacked the ability or urge to record it. Largely unknown, they were a minority within a minority existing on the margins of Jewish and American life.

When Matza, an English professor and second generation Sephardi of Greek heritage, began researching American Sephardi literature, believing it did not match the Ashkenazi output of memoirs, fiction, and poetry, she was astonished to discover first generation American Sephardim actively

engaged in similar literary creativity. Her book opens with six writers, descendants of the earliest Sephardi settlers in America. The first was Penina Moise (1797-1880), a religious poet who also wrote for Godey's *Lady's Book*. More familiar to us are Emma Lazarus (1849-1887) and Robert G. Nathan (1894-1985), author of the enormously popular *Portrait of Jenny*. Although they were assimilated and cultural and social insiders on the American scene, their poetry, published here, defines them as concerned Jews. Matza ends her anthology with Elgrably, who was born in the 1950s. The six categories include one of writers dealing with the Holocaust, a reminder that 90 percent of Greek Sephardim perished in the Nazi camps. Primo Levi was the first to offer a glimpse of the devastating isolation felt in the camps by these non-Yiddish-speaking Jews. Dramatizing this period are Rebecca Cambi Fromer's play, *Ivanov*; Ruzer's poem, parts of Stanley Saitz's surrealistic novel *Rabbi*. Another category features nostalgic pieces. Ammiel Alcalay, Boston-born professor of Oriental languages, writes a remembrance poem for Dan Pagis and a delightful 24-sentence chronicle of his stay in Jerusalem's Nahalat. Then out of hiding emerge crypto-Jews from Jamaica and Mexico in a play by Rena Varon Down, a TV and screen writer-director who highlights the chilling choice of Jews whose conversion to Christianity during the inquisition still burdens their Mizrani descendants with double identity.

Although hardly organized as Sephardi writers, it appears that subtle commonalities exist among them, be they colonial descendants or later immigrants. "[The] distinctiveness of Sephardic literature," says the editor, "is found primarily in its cosmopolitanism, the confidence of its women writers, and the continuing examination by both men and women of their patriarchal culture." Somewhat exasperated, she deplores a popular conception that American Jewish writers are all of Ashkenazi origin. Yet who except Sephardim recognize as Jewish such Latin names as Del Bourgo, Adatto, Penza, Castro, Ruyez, who are some of the contributors here. Do these writers care? Matza does. Her preface and introduction to each group of writers are highly readable. She deserves thanks for publishing this anthology, the first of its kind.

(Newsday)

Cod and the history of the world

COD: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World by Mark Kurlansky. Walker. 294 pp. \$21.

By Bill Rootbach

Mark Kurlansky subtitles his able and engaging book *Cod and the World That Changed the World*. But it might more aptly be said that the world changed the fish. The once enormous cod fishery has been all but wiped out.

And cod aren't alone. Kurlansky writes, "Overfishing is a growing global problem. About 60 percent of the fish types tracked by the Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations are categorized as fully exploited, overexploited or depleted. The US Atlantic coast has witnessed a dramatic decline in the bluefin tuna population... Mid-Atlantic swordfish stocks are diminishing. Couch and redfish are vanishing from the Caribbean. Red snapper, which is a

by-catch of shrimp, is in danger of commercial extinction in the Gulf of Mexico. Peru is losing its anchovy population. Pollock is vanishing from Russia's Sea of Okhotsk."

And so forth. As the fish species diminish, the many species of birds and mammals that depend on them diminish as well. The problem is overfishing certainly, but overfishing occurs because of overdemand. And overdemand, ladies and gentlemen, occurs because of overpopulation, human.

Kurlansky portrays several gallant fishermen who are convinced that the cod stocks - brought to commercial extinction in only the last 10 years after 1,000 balanced years of human consumption - will come back. But they'll come back to ever larger human population, and therefore ever larger human appetite; they'll come back to disaster.

Nothing can sustain cod and other animal populations, nothing can sustain the world as we know it, nothing except control of human

populations. Kurlansky traces the history of cod fishing from the time secretive Basque fishermen 1,000 years ago traveled all the way to the coast of New England, having learned that cod could be salted, kept indefinitely and shipped to markets anywhere. Cod brought wealth to the Basques, to England, then to New England, to Canada, to Spain.

Cod had a role in the slave trade. Cod was money, once dried. Cod liver oil was thought to have saved the health of England's children during World War II. Cod had a role in the invention of frozen foods.

Cod started a series of steely nerved wars between Britain and Iceland. (Iceland now, a David cutting Goliath's nets at high sea.) Iceland, now that we mention it, was brought from a near stone-age economy and into the present rapacious global economy by... cod.

The close focus on cod makes of this compact book a kind of lens on human history. And it turns, finally, a sharp, burning beam on the pre-

sent. Kurlansky has talked to scientists, bureaucrats, fishermen, poets, cooks. All are agreed: The cod are gone. Unless.

There's a mixed message throughout *Cod*, almost of necessity. The author admires (as we all do) the fisherman, and not only the fisherman in his generation but all the fishermen who came before him and all those who will come after, handing down growing knowledge of the sea and of ships and of fish.

But it's the fisherman whose cleverness and continual search for more productive equipment and machinery has wiped out his own trade. Fishermen blame regulators (perhaps rightly). Whole fishing towns are in denial.

Kurlansky devotes many pages to recipes for cod and salt cod, a useful cookbook if ever there was one: The main ingredient is missing, big time. In the end the book stands as a kind of elegy, a loving eulogy not only to a fish, but to the people whose lives have been shaped by the habits of the fish, and whose

way of life is now at an end, except where subsidized by governments, as in Canada. Mothers cry now in Gloucester, Mass., when they hear their sons' wailing to fish.

Kurlansky has shown that cod and cod fishing shaped and forested the history of the world. And if we don't all take heed and learn the lesson implicit in this book, Kurlansky's *Cod* may turn out to be a eulogy for us all.

In his words: "Man wants to see nature and evolution as separate from human activities. There is the natural world, and there is man. But man also belongs to the natural world. If he is a ferocious predator, that too is a part of evolution. If cod and haddock and other species cannot survive because man kills them, something more adaptable will take their place. Nature, the ultimate pragmatist, doggedly searches for something that works. But as the cockroach demonstrates, what works best in nature does not always appeal to us."

(Newsday)

BOOK BYTES

Hermann Amtd, 76, resident of the tiny English village of Woodbury for the last 12 years, is the sort of man spoken of as "a good neighbor." He gardens, reads shelves of books, and drives invalids to hospital in his own car. And in the words of one acquaintance, "he has a very good way with silence which makes you want to fill it." But none of Amtd's neighbors ever suspected that he was a member of the Israeli team that captured Adolf Eichmann in 1960. *Operation Eichmann (Arms and Armour)* is Amtd's version of the Mossad operation that brought one of Adolf Hitler's closest henchmen to justice.

Amtd broke his cover because, he says, "it was my duty to tell the truth. So many [other] books [on Eichmann's capture] were rubbish - total rubbish." Trained by the British army and the CIA in non-violent interrogating techniques, Amtd was the Mossad's chief interrogator at the time. He also drove the car that was used to snatch Eichmann outside his Buenos Aires home.

Following the Eichmann affair, Amtd served at the Mossad's Paris office, and eventually took early retirement in 1970. He went around the world as a sailor, worked as a banker in China, and then joined El Al. He took up the quiet life in Woodbury with his second wife to escape "the horrors he had known." Amtd says: "I wouldn't go back to Israel now. It's become uncivilized - they torture prisoners."

A NEW BOOK of mainly advice is sweeping America. *The Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness* tells real males about tying "woolly bugger" fishing flies, and cooking up pots of "colon-cleaner chili." It also reminds the masculine sex of a better time when actress Vera Miles said: "Men were men and women

were grateful." Observers of the current American scene suggest that the author-brothers Todd and Brant von Hoffman are riding high on a wave of backlash against political correctness, women's rights and ethnic empowerment. The von Hoffmanns, however, are actually quite bewildered by the success of their mainly exploit. After all, they sent their book proposal to a publisher friend in a cigar box with a bottle of tequila.

THE SUICIDE of his younger brother moved British advertising executive Geoffrey Lundquist, 44, to write *Father Christmas and the Missing Reindeer* (HarperCollins), a children's story. "Immediately after the funeral," said Geoffrey, "I drove my family to Italy. We were crying for 1,000 miles." While sitting on top of a mountain, alone, thinking, Lundquist recalled the joy of the Christmas he and his brother had had as children in Manchester. That's when the idea for the story came into his head. Back home, he wrote the 5,000-word children's book, finishing on his brother's birthday.

The storyline is about a little boy who helps Father Christmas find a missing reindeer just in time, to deliver all his presents. The book is being scripted for an animated television film. Also, Lundquist has been contracted to write a series of 10 more children's books.

DAVID FLUSFEDER'S *Like Plastic* (Cape) has won Britain's £7,500 Encore Award for a best second novel. The book, a Jewish family saga characterized as "imaginative, absurd, comic, touching and exciting," was the judges' unanimous choice. Flusfeder's first novel, *Man Kills Woman* (Secker & Warburg), was an idiosyncratic thriller mystery. David Brauner

HARDCOVER Fiction

1. *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home to meet an old love.
2. *Flood Tide* by Clive Cussler. (Simon & Schuster \$26.) Dirk Pitt in pursuit of a notorious Chinese smuggler at work in the US.
3. *Violin* by Ann Rice. (Knopf \$25.95.) From 19th-century Vienna to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music.
4. *The Angel of Darkness* by Caleb Carr. (Random House \$25.95.) Dr. Kreizer pursues a kidnapper in 1897 Manhattan.
5. *10 Lb. Penalty* by Dick Francis. (Putnam \$24.95.) A politician's career is imperiled by actions taken by his enemies against his son, a one-time amateur jockey.
6. *The Best Last Plans* by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow \$25.) The relationship between a power-hungry governor and a woman determined to wreak revenge.
7. *Underworld* by Don DeLillo. (Scribner \$27.50.) American life as lived by a man and a woman during the past 50 years.
8. *Timequays* by Kurt Vonnegut. (Putnam \$23.95.) In 2001, the universe starts striking back in time - but decides to reverse itself when it reaches 1991.
9. *Temple of the Winds* by Terry Goodkind. (Tor/Doherty \$26.95.) Richard Cypher of the *Sword of Truth* fantasy series continues his battle to save the world from demons.
10. *The Matarrese Countdown* by Robert Ludlum. (Bantam \$27.50.) A CIA officer struggles to thwart the return of an international cabal.

HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. *Diana: Her True Story - In Her Own Words* by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster \$22.95.) An updated, expanded version of the 1982 bestseller about the Princess of Wales.
2. *The Royals* by Kmy Kelley. (Warner \$27.) Gossip about the private lives of the House of Windsor.
3. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
4. *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer.
5. *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.
6. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
7. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.
8. *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday \$19.95.) A sports writer tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.
9. *Conversations with God: Book 1* by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.
10. *Book by Whooopi Goldberg.* (Weisbach/Morrow \$22.) Twenty-five essays on a variety of subjects by the comedian.

PAPERBACK Fiction

1. *Airframe* by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine \$7.99.) A young woman probes a plane's near disaster on its way from Hong Kong to Denver.
2. *Jack & Jill* by James Patterson. (Warner Vision \$7.50.) Alex Cross on the trail of serial killers in Washington.
3. *The Offer* by Catherine Coulter. (Topaz \$6.99.) The complex romantic relationship of a couple in 19th-century England.
4. *The Clinic* by Jonathan Kellerman. (Bantam \$6.99.) Alex Delaware investigates the murder of a woman who wrote a bestselling indictment of men.
5. *The MacGouge Brides* by Nora Roberts. (Sihouette \$6.99.) A patriarch finds three young men to marry his granddaughters.
6. *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. (Vintage \$12.) In 1948, a bond is forged between two black men - one a teacher, the other on death row for murder - in Louisiana.
7. *Kiss the Girls* by James Patterson. (Warner \$6.99.) The police detective Alex Cross pursues a serial killer and his niece's kidnapper.
8. *My Gal Sunday* by Mary Higgins Clark. (Pocket \$6.99.) An ex-president and his congresswoman wife investigate four crimes.
9. *Silent Witness* by Richard North Patterson. (Ballantine \$7.99.) Two murder cases change the lives of men and women who grew up in a Midwestern town.
10. *Silent Honor* by Danielle Steel. (Dell \$7.50.) The attack on Pearl Harbor had tragic consequences for Japanese-American families.

PAPERBACK Non-fiction

1. *Diana: Her True Story* by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The first 30 years of the Princess of Wales.
2. *Diana: Her New Life* by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The career of the Princess of Wales following the end of her marriage.
3. *The Color of Water* by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.
4. *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&S \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.
5. *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes. (Broadway \$13.) A celebration of life in the Italian countryside by an American poet.
6. *Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrar. (Tarcher/Putnam \$13.95.) An Austrian mountaineer recounts his adventures in the 1940s.
7. *Hanson* by Jill Matthews. (Archway/Pocket \$3.99.) The story of the pop-rock group.
8. *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial polluters.
9. *Girlfriends* by Carmen Renee Barry and Tamara Traeder. (Wildcat Canyon \$12.95.) The ties that bind women of all ages.
10. *Spontaneous Healing* by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.

PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

1. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.
2. *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
3. *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$8.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
4. *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Ross Hawthorne, and Mark Shinnott. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.

HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

1. *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.
2. *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Ban Breathnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.
3. *Make the Connection* by Bob Greene and Oprah Winfrey. (Hyperion \$18.95.) Ways to improve one's life mentally and physically.
4. *Eight Weeks to Optimum Health* by Andrew Weil. (Knopf \$23.) A physician's diet, exercise and psychological program.

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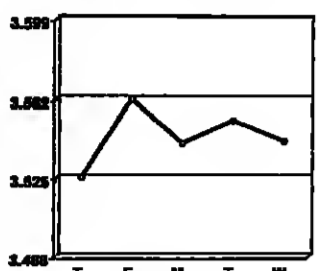
STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

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2. *Critical Judgment* by Michael Palmer. Bantam.
3. *God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. Flamingo.
4. *Sole Survivor* by Dean Kootz. Ballantine.
5. *Mistress of Spices* by Chitra B. Divakaruni. Black Swan.
6. *Thirteenth Hour* by Barbara Sofer. Signet.
7. *Veritas* by William Lashner. Harper.
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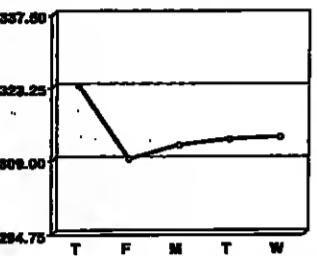
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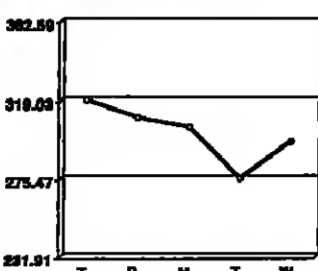
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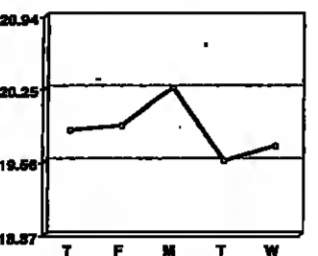
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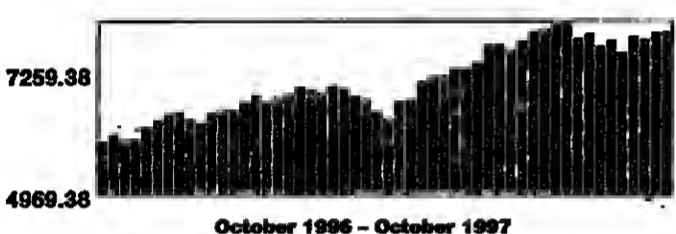
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Delta to sell Egyptian rugs to Marks & Spencer

Delta Galil Industries yesterday said that it will begin marketing Egyptian rugs to Marks & Spencer. Via Delta, Egypt's largest rug manufacturer, one of the largest rug manufacturers worldwide, will sell the rugs to the British retailer, which is currently featuring the floor coverings in its fall "Home" catalogue. Delta expects sales of the rugs to total between \$3-\$4 million in 1998. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Electronics industry said to face tough times

The electronics industry needs an additional \$150 million for research and development if it is to meet its target of doubling exports within the next five years, Israel Asher, head of the electronics division of the Manufacturers Division said yesterday. The government already has allocated \$300m. for research and development in 1998. Electronics exports are expected to total \$5.7 billion in 1997. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Analysts: Crisis in Asian markets may fuel TASE investments

By DAN GERSTENFELD and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The recent decline of the Asian stock markets may lead to increased investments by foreign investors in the Israeli stock market, as local companies won't be affected by the Asian financial crisis, analysts said.

The decline in the Asian markets has increased the relative weight of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in the International Finance Corporation index from 1.7 per-

cent to 2.3% as it stands to be included in the emerging market index on November 1.

"The inclusion of Israel in the IFC index gives foreign investors legitimacy to invest in Israel. Moreover, funds which hold hundreds of millions of dollars, will have to invest in the TASE," said Yossi Levi, managing director of Eyal Securities.

He added that Israel is considered by American analysts to be one of the most attractive equity markets among the emerging mar-

kets. "In some interviews on American television commentators mentioned Israel and South Africa as good investment opportunities. We have to remember that Israel is usually compared with countries such as Malaysia, Turkey, Lebanon and Cyprus, and those markets are less attractive."

Yoav Kawelblum, senior investment manager at Epsilon Securities, said the fact that most of the emerging markets are in South East Asia will make other regional stock markets more attractive.

"The Asian markets are connected to each other and when the markets there are so volatile it's normal for investors to look for other investment opportunities," he said.

Kawelblum also thinks that Israeli companies have another advantage because "Most of the commercial activity of local companies is with the US and Europe and the majority of Israeli companies won't be hurt by the Asian crisis."

However, some analysts said the troubles in Asia will not result in

positive fallout in the Israeli marketplace.

"I wouldn't bank on a massive inflow of money into the Israeli market," said Keith Phillips of Societe Generale Strauss Tumbull Securities in London. "People who were hurt in one emerging market may not be looking to go into another emerging market."

Similarly, Israel's inclusion in the IFC index is not likely to cause major increases in investments, but it will "give an impetus for direct money to come in," Phillips said.

Greenspan sees US growth slowing, expansion continuing

Federal Reserve seen as unlikely to raise interest rates

By MICHAEL MCKEE

The recent drop in US equity markets "will tend to dampen" the "unsustainable pace" of US job creation and that should keep the economy growing, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday.

"Provided the decline in financial markets does not cumulate, it is quite conceivable that a few years hence we will look back at this episode as we now look back at the 1987 crash, as a salutary event in terms of its implications for the macroeconomy," Greenspan said in testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

While the currency crisis in Southeast Asia and the declines in equity prices there and elsewhere "do have some direct effects on US corporate earnings," US markets would have dropped anyway, he said.

"If it was not developments in Southeast Asia, something else would have been the proximate cause for a re-evaluation," Greenspan said.

The Fed chairman's latest remarks soften concerns he expressed earlier this month to Congress that the US economy may be growing too fast and that equity prices may not reflect the underlying values of their companies.

Greenspan's testimony comes in the midst of one of the most turbulent periods ever for world financial markets and suggests the Fed may not see the need to raise US borrowing costs in the near future to slow the economy and forestall accelerating inflation.



US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan testifies yesterday before the Joint Economic Committee in Washington. (AP)

Greenspan issued his customary warning that the Fed "cannot afford" to be complacent about inflation.

However, he said, "there is much that is encouraging about the recent performance of the

American economy." Growth, he said, "appears to have remained robust and inflation low, and even falling, despite an ever-tightening labor pool."

Productivity growth, which leads to higher earnings, "does appear to

have picked up" in the last six months.

By itself, though, it is not enough to close the gap between demand for labor and its supply, he said. Greenspan and his fellow members of the Fed's policymaking Open Market Committee next meet on November 12.

In March they raised the federal funds rate on overnight loans between banks by a quarter point to 5.50 percent.

Since then, they have met four times and left borrowing costs unchanged.

Although US corporations will be affected by the turmoil in Asia, "the direct impact of these developments on the American economy has been modest," he said.

Greenspan has repeatedly raised a red flag about equity prices since he first asked rhetorically last December about the consequences of "irrational exuberance" among investors.

His concern was quite clear in an October 8 appearance before the House Budget Committee, where he said, "financial markets seem to have priced in an optimistic outlook characterized by a significant reduction in risk and an increasingly benevolent inflation process."

Because of that, the Fed chairman said at that time, stock price-earnings multiples are at levels "not often observed at this stage of economic expansion." What's more, he said "it would clearly be unrealistic to look for a continuation of stock market gains of anything like the magnitude of those recorded in the past couple of years."

(Bloomberg business news)

GE, DIC in joint Internet venture

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

GE Information Services, a subsidiary of General Electric, and Discount Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of the IDB Holding Group, yesterday announced the establishment of an electronic commerce joint venture.

The new company, Tradanet Electronic Commerce Services, will provide the local market with electronic commerce technologies and services, which allow companies to conduct business-to-business transactions electronically via the Internet.

"This is part of our strategy to be involved in software technology, non-banking activities," said DIC managing director Dov Tadmor. "We see this project as a bridge between the two."

Several months ago, DIC and London's Mondex announced plans to begin distributing electronic smart cards in early 1998.

GE invested "a few million dollars" in the Tradanet project and will supply its Electronic Data Interchange platform to the company, Tadmor said. About 100,000 companies use EDI worldwide. Tadmor said that the deal signals GE's commitment to and belief in the Israeli market.

"This is significant because it shows that companies like GE want to be invested in Israel because they see Israel as being technologically sophisticated," he said. Discount is one of Israel's leading holding companies for investments in retailing, electronics, communications, real estate and other fields.

Tradanet is to open in November and will start operating in the first half of next year.

The company is expected to employ 20-25 people in its first stage of operations.

US companies seen as winners after Clinton-Jiang summit discussions

By DINA TEMPLE-RASTON

WASHINGTON - The big winners in yesterday's summit between Chinese President Jiang Zemin and US President Bill Clinton will be US companies - Westinghouse Electric Corp. and General Electric Co. in particular - when Clinton announces his intention to lift a 10-year-old ban

on nuclear component exports to China.

Still in question is whether Clinton also will lift other export controls that keep United Technologies Corp.'s Sikorsky aircraft division from exporting parts to China and Sun Microsystems Inc. from selling its supercomputers.

Even so, Clinton's decision to certify US nuclear components for export to China is indicative of just how much, for the first time in recent memory, US and Chinese political interests coincide.

Clinton is looking for new export markets to keep the US economy humming. And Jiang, having just closed a Communist Party Congress aimed at consolidating his power after the death of Deng Xiaoping, has come to the realization that his political survival depends on delivering economic prosperity to the Chinese people.

The US can help Jiang do that with foreign investment and expertise.

Jiang is expected to announce today that the Chinese will end missile sales to Iran, the last hurdle China had to vault for Clinton to ask Congress to certify it as a non-proliferating nation.

Together, the moves are aimed at ending the rancor between the two countries over nuclear proliferation and turning the page on the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown on student dissenters that soured Sino-US relations.

In a two-hour informal discussion at the White House last night, Jiang and Clinton discussed human rights, Tibet and other long-standing irritants in US-Sino diplomacy.

The two leaders agreed to set up a round-the-clock hot line between their capitals to facilitate more communication.

They didn't reach any conclusion on the human rights issues, White House spokesman Anne Luzzatto said, and kept the discussion more philosophical.

The last time the two leaders met face-to-face, in Manila during

the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting, in November of last year, Jiang confined himself to prepared remarks and Clinton wouldn't smile for the cameras.

While the Clinton-Jiang courtship is new, many US businesses have been courting the Chinese aggressively all along. Ford Motor Co., for example, signed a joint engine manufacturing contract with Chinese automaker YMG last week, and Boeing Co. is expected to get its latest order, for at least \$1.7 billion in planes, this week. Generally, US companies expect the Clinton-Jiang summit to improve the environment for US businesses in China.

"This meeting is good for any US company trying to do business in China. The stronger the relationship gets the better it is for business," said Robert Newman, president of ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd.'s Connecticut-based nuclear systems unit. (Bloomberg Business News)

Foreign drug company's protest the expected repeal of patent law

Foreign pharmaceutical companies and diplomats yesterday expressed their disapproval of the Knesset's expected repeal of the current patent law.

The current law forbids Israeli generic drug companies from experimenting on drugs until the patent on those drugs expires.

This gives foreign companies a head start, since no such patent law exists in both the US and Europe.

"The European Union takes a grave view of the submission of the bill for the amendment of the

Patents Law to the Knesset this week," a European diplomat said.

The bill for the amendment of the Patents Law was submitted to the Knesset for approval on Monday.

A delegation of representatives of pharmaceutical firms from the European Union and the US met this week with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and told him that enactment of the amendment to the Patents Law will cause foreign companies to refrain from investing in research and development

in Israel.

The delegation included representatives of NSD, Neopharm and Glaxo.

The delegation members also will meet with the minister of trade and industry and the justice minister, in an effort to alter the decision regarding the amendment.

US congressmen and representatives previously appealed to the Knesset to repeal the law, saying that such a law prohibits the speedy arrival of new and cheaper drugs to the marketplace. (Globes News Service)

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TASE surges following US rebound

Tel Aviv

Israel shares jumped yesterday after Wall Street rebounded. Tel Aviv's rise comes a day after Israeli stocks posted their worst showing in more than three years, following worldwide equity index declines.

The Maof Index of 25 top stocks advanced 7.4 percent to 295.86. The Mishkanim Index gained 8 percent to 286.38. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 45 issues rose 10.52% to 98.27.

The rises in Tel Aviv were led by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 6.5 percent, Bank Hapoalim Ltd., up 9 percent, state-controlled telecommunications provider Bezeq, up 7.25 percent, holding company Koor Industries Ltd., up 7.5 percent, and software house Formula Systems Ltd., up 18.9 percent.

"World markets are still volatile and dangerous," said Idan Azoulay, portfolio manager at Impact Securities, a subsidiary of Union Bank of Israel. Investors in Tel Aviv "will continue to follow Wall Street," he said.

"This shake in the market is only two days old," and the worst is probably over," said Mark Meiras, managing director at Pacific Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya. "Are we going to see a

Europe

UK stocks rose, extending gains after US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said Monday's market slump will help expansion continue in the US, giving investors more reason to buy equities.

Greenspan said the recent drop in US equity markets "will tend to damp" the "unsustainable pace" of US job creation and that should keep the economy growing. "Provided the decline in financial markets does not cumulate, it is quite conceivable that a few years hence we will look back at this episode as we now look back at the 1987 crash, as a salutary event in terms of its implications for the macroeconomy," said Greenspan.

The FTSE 100 index rose 116.4 points, or 2.5 percent, to 4871.8, led by companies that make a significant portion of their profit in the US, such as Glaxo Wellcome Plc. The index rose throughout the day as gains in the US and Asia boosted stocks, erasing yes-

Asia

Japanese stocks surged, led by electronics exporters such as TDK Corp., after Wall Street's record trading affirmed that the US economy - on which Japanese exporters depend - is still robust.

"Overseas markets were getting most of the blame Tuesday, now they deserve most of the credit," said Paul Migliorato, senior manager in Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd.'s institutional sales department. "Conviction has a very short shelf life in Japan."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 544.93 points, or 3.34 percent, to 16,857.04 - its biggest one-day increase since May 6. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange gained 43.68 points, or 3.46 percent, to 1303.79. Nikkei 225 index futures traded in Osaka rose 580 to 16,840; those traded in Singapore rose 570 to 16,845.

An estimated 446 million shares traded on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, surpassing the six-month daily average of 396 million shares.

Technology issues gained after the Nasdaq Composite Index's first billion-share trading session fueled optimism about growth in the computer industry.

Wal Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks finished mixed yesterday, giving up big gains from early in the day as investors clamored to take profits on the market's recent historic drive.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 35 points higher at 7,506.67, down significantly from the 123-point rise in early trading.

Broad-market indexes also weakened throughout the day, with the Nasdaq composite index and the Standard and Poor's 500 list erasing early gains to end the day in negative territory.

Trading was calm yesterday compared to days past. Pacifying the US markets was a turnaround overnight in Asia and European financial markets, where turmoil in recent days has depressed US stocks. Also joining the stock market was Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony to Congress, where he said the recent wild gyrations in the stock market could have a long-term benefit.

US Commodities

Oil prices fell as demand for the commodity softened in the wake of a report that US oil production will rise in the next few months.

Gold prices fell as demand for the metal softened in the wake of a report that US gold production will rise in the next few months.

Other commodities, including wheat and soybeans, also saw price fluctuations as market participants reacted to news and analyst reports.

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Dollar slips after Greenspan rules out rate hike

The dollar slipped against the mark in Europe yesterday, after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan suggested the US economy isn't heating up enough to justify higher interest rates.

Greenspan, in testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, said the economy "appears to have remained robust and inflation low, and even falling, despite an ever-tightening labor pool."

Meanwhile, official German interest rates are expected to rise in the months ahead to bring them closer to higher rates elsewhere in Europe before the start of the planned single currency.

"Greenspan's damping expectations of a Fed tightening," said Earl Johnson, international econ-

omist at Bank of Montreal in Chicago. "Weighed against the argument that Germany will have to raise rates in coming months, the dollar's going to have a tough time climbing against the mark."

The dollar slipped to 1.7335 late in London, after reaching as high as 1.7478 marks in Asia. It was at 120.67 yen, up from 119.80 late Tuesday.

The dollar got a boost Tuesday in New York after the Dow Jones Industrial Average bounced back from Moody's rout, boosting demand for the US currency.

The dollar also briefly extended its gains after Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer doused concern about aggressive interest-rate increases ahead of Europe's planned economic and

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Gold falls because of sluggish Asian demand

Precious metals Gold fell yesterday amid sluggish demand in southeast Asia and as global stock markets began to recover from the recent turmoil.

Gold is sometimes used as a safe haven for investors at times of financial turmoil.

Global equity markets plunged in recent days amid concerns about slowing growth in southeast Asia and worry that other markets, particularly the US, may be overvalued, analysts said. Now that global equity markets are rebounding, there is less need for holding gold. The continuing currency crisis in southeast Asia is also making the precious metal

expensive to buy in local money. Spot gold traded \$2.30 lower at \$316.25 an ounce.

Palladium rose as demand for the precious metal remained robust at a time when concern persists about Russian supplies. Although Russia, the world's main supplier of palladium, has been regularly delivering the metal in recent months, concerns persist over the level of its stockpiles and its ability to supply in the future.

Oil

Brent crude futures in London rose even as US crude supplies were shown 1.7 percent higher by a key industry report, because

COMMODITIES

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Others

Copper rose as a gain in US stocks reduced the risk that global economic growth and demand for the metal will drop. The US economy remains healthy, boding well for copper demand, because the metal is widely used by the construction industry and manufacturers.

Three-month copper increased \$39 to \$2,030 a ton. Zinc rose in London. Pasmnico Ltd., an Australian lead and zinc mining company, said the expected slowdown in growth in southeast Asia economies is unlikely to have a big impact on the company even though demand for its metals will drop. Pasmnico said it can sell its zinc and lead in other regions. Three-month zinc was up \$21 to \$1,260.

Aluminum prices rose in London. Aluminum pared losses of the past week, as traders bet that turmoil in equity markets won't dent global economic growth or metals demand. Aluminum for three month delivery rose \$20 to \$1,619 a ton.

US bonds rise on Greenspan statement

US bonds rallied after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan offered reassuring words about the economy and inflation in testimony to Congress, easing concern the central bank might raise interest rates soon.

Greenspan told the Joint Economic Committee that he sees US economic growth slowing, adding that inflation is low and falling. He also said the recent decline in the US stock market may "tend to damp" the "unsustainable pace" of US job creation.

"His commentary is extremely constructive," said Kevin Kennedy, who manages a \$9 billion money-market fund at Citibank Global Asset Management. "He's ruling out a tightening not only this year but well into next year."

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 27/32, or \$8.44 per \$1,000 bond, pushing its yield down 7 basis points to 6.22 percent. Two-year yields fell 6 basis points to 5.66 percent.

Kennedy, who didn't buy or sell securities, has positioned his holdings to benefit from falling yields. Bonds were whipsawed in recent days as investors seeking a refuge from plunging stock markets snapped up Treasury securities - only to sell them just as fast when US stocks surged.

Bonds suffered their worst loss in 15 months Tuesday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 4.7%. "The stock-bond paradigm is in play still," said George Kegler, executive vice president at Sanwa Securities Co. "Everybody's got

BONDS

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Jeffrey Eglow, who helps manage more than \$200 million at Highlander Capital Management in Parsippany, New Jersey. While Greenspan issued his customary warning that the Fed "cannot afford" to be complacent about inflation, he also said there's "much that is encouraging about the recent performance of the American economy."

Growth, he said, "appears to have remained robust and inflation low, and even falling, despite an ever-tightening labor pool." So far this year, consumer prices are up at a 1.8 percent annual rate, the slowest pace in 11 years.

"Whereas before he was on a path to prepare the market for a tightening, I think he's abandoned that track and focused on calming

markets down," said Robert McGee, economist at Tokai Bank. The Fed last changed interest rates in March, raising the target rate for overnight borrowing between banks to 5.50%.

The government reported Tuesday that its employment costs index rose 0.8 percent in the third quarter. That was in line with expectations and indicated that wages, salaries and benefits aren't rising much even as the unemployment rate hovers near its low in a generation.

Yesterday, the government reported that orders for durable goods fell 0.6% in September, more than the 0.4% decline forecast by analysts in a Bloomberg bws survey and a sign the growth may be ebbing.

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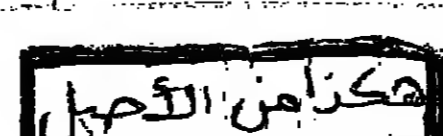
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End of an era in NBA as Bulls exit, lockout looms

NEW YORK (AP) - Time for a new slogan: The NBA - Enjoy it while it lasts.

From all indications, this is the NBA's eve of destruction. The Chicago Bulls are breaking up, a labor war like the one that led to a strike in US Major League Baseball three years ago is possible and the whole basketball of wax could break apart like a shattered backboard.

A year from now, you'll be reminiscing about today - the last time you went into an NBA season saying "I love this game." The 1997-98 season opens tomorrow night, Halloween, with a scary subplot.

The Chicago Bulls will be going for another title in the final season under coach Phil Jackson, who says "wild horses couldn't drag me back." That could mean the end of Michael Jordan's career, since he has said he won't play anywhere else.

"Yes, I believe him. And yes, I'll try to talk him out of it," Jackson said. "I appreciate his loyalty and appreciate that he said that, but I don't want to limit his career. I'll encourage him to go on if there's something left in the tank." But there's no

guarantee Jackson or anyone else will be able to do that.

And by the time next July 1 rolls around, the dynasty will almost certainly be finished and the start of the 1998-99 season may be in jeopardy.

"We've had a great run. What we've done is unparalleled in modern day sports," Jackson said. "After this year I'll step aside, look at the game and the teams and at a lot of things that are going on with the league. The possibility of a lockout will affect the future of everyone." Ah, the lockout, essentially a strike by the club owners, who keep the players out until there is a new collective bargaining agreement with their union.

There have been two lockouts in the NBA over the past few years, a three-month one in 1995 and an eight-minute version in 1996.

The league has the right to tear up the six-year labor agreement at the end of the season, which would inevitably lead to another lockout, the possibility of the decertification of the union, an anti-monopoly lawsuit brought by the players and maybe even an attempt by the league to use replacement players.

"I'm not prepared to make a prediction on it,"

commissioner David Stern said last week. "It's a very volatile area, and there's no need to make dire pronouncements."

But Stern will say this: The league is at a crossroads as the Bulls end their run and the game is handed to a younger generation able to command long-term contracts of more than \$100 million.

"Our biggest problem is that we're paying too much money," Stern said. "The result is a cascading salary structure that's OK if you're generating enough revenues to keep up with it. But we're not."

"I'm charged with keeping this league on some economic course that makes sense, and in that totality these contracts are putting us in a cycle where players earn more money, teams earn less money and ticket prices keep going up for the fans."

That's a bad mix. The possibility of a lockout will be the No. 1 topic of discussion when the Board of Governors meets on November 11.

By then, the defending champions already will have begun their quest for another title.

Chicago will start the season without Scottie Pippen, who will be out until at least January

because of foot surgery.

Croatian Toni Kukoc also has been slowed by a sore foot and Dennis Rodman's status was up in the air until he finally signed a one-year contract last Thursday.

Most observers feel Chicago will drop a notch from the team that over the past two seasons averaged 70 1-2 wins.

That could allow another team to finish with a better record, preventing the Bulls from enjoying homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs.

"I told my players at the beginning of camp that we're in the hunt," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We've won championships with less weapons than we have now." The Utah Jazz, coming off a 64-win season, an Most Valuable Player Award for Karl Malone and a trip to the Finals, may have a tough start because John Stockton's knee injury will keep him sidelined for the early part of the season.

Seattle also has potential problems as the team adjusts to life without Shawn Kemp and gets used to the less-flashy All-Star Vin Baker.

Shaquille O'Neal will be starting his second season with the Lakers, and the Spurs not only

have David Robinson, Sean Elliott and Chuck Person back healthy, they also have the No. 1 overall pick of the draft in Tim Duncan - a player who honed his skills in college for four years instead of jumping to the NBA early like so many others these days.

"San Antonio and Los Angeles have the scariest teams with the most potential - they should be the favorites," said Phoenix coach Danny Ainge, whose own team has been strengthened by the addition of Jason Kidd last year and Antonio McDyess this year.

In the East, most of the contenders improved their rosters - from Miami adding four capable reserves to Charlotte adding a new backcourt to Orlando adding Derek Harper at point guard and moving Penny Hardaway to off-guard.

All those teams, at least in theory, have a chance of ending Chicago's run before its front office does.

But when next fall rolls around, that run will be over, the lockout will or will not have come and the league may or may not be getting ready for the post-Bulls era.

Enjoy this season while it lasts.

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High-tech and telecommunications are the only areas we know will continue to grow in Japan, said Takashi Yamaguchi, chief manager of Daiwa Investment Trust & Management which handles \$1.5 billion of \$12.4 billion in assets.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks finished mixed yesterday, giving up gains from early in the day as investors close to take profits in the market's recent historic advance. The Dow Jones industrial average finished 35 points higher at 7,506.67, down significantly from the 123-point gain in early trading.

Broad-market indexes weakened throughout the day with the Nasdaq composite index and the Standard and Poor's 500 erasing early gains to end the day in negative territory.

Trading was calm yesterday compared to last week. Factors in the US markets was a turnaround overnight in Asia and Europe financial markets where normal in recent days by depressed US stocks. Also causing the stock market was Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony to Congress, where he said the more gradual gyrations in the stock market would have a long-term benefit.

rate hike

also addressed economic growth in Asia, which are seen timing US supports to the region and helping contain US inflation.

The dive in stocks during the last two weeks should be helped temper Greenspan's warning that inflation may pick up if growth continues at its current pace.

Those who have a worrisome view of the economy and inflation tend to be shocked by the implications of Southeast Asia, said Ken Gilbe, an economist at Citicorp International.

A report Tuesday that the Fed may raise rates 0.5 percent in the third quarter after expectations the Fed will raise its hand on interest rates.

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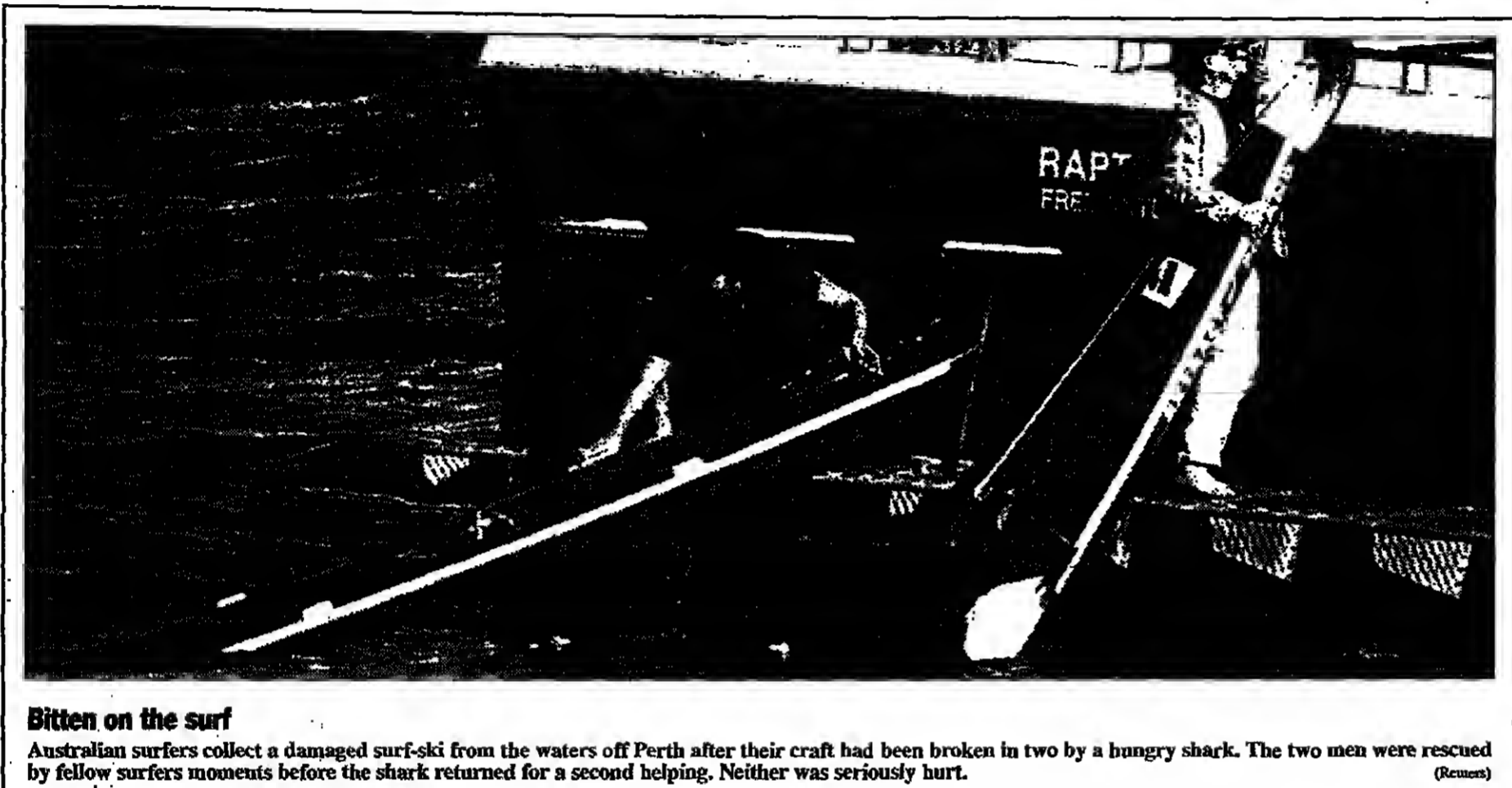
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Bitten on the surf
Australian surfers collect a damaged surf-ski from the waters off Perth after their craft had been broken in two by a hungry shark. The two men were rescued by fellow surfers moments before the shark returned for a second helping. Neither was seriously hurt. (Reuters)

European failure sparked Rangers boss's resignation

GLASGOW (Reuters) - Rangers manager Walter Smith, revealed on Tuesday that his side's repeated failure to make a mark in Europe finally forced him to quit the Scottish championship.

The man who spent more than £50 million (\$83.4 million) during his six-year campaign to make an impact outside Scotland has admitted that being knocked out of two European competitions this season was the final straw.

"There were pressures on players which led to difficulties on the European scene - that was a disappointment to me," Smith said after telling the club's annual general meeting that he will be standing down at the end of the season.

Rangers, perennially dominant in Scotland, again failed to qualify for the Champions League this season, despite Smith revamping his squad by bringing in eight foreign players at a cost of over £15 million (\$25 million).

They were knocked out of the qualifying round of the Champions Cup by Sweden's IFK Gothenburg and then, more embarrassingly, humbled in the UEFA Cup - entry to which was a consolation prize - by French side Strasbourg.

Ironically, the man who is now expected to replace 49-year-old Smith is likely to come from Europe, with Rangers almost certain to copy Glasgow rivals Celtic by going for a foreign coach.

Richard Moller-Nielsen, whose son Tommy is a trainer at Ibrox, is the favorite. He led Denmark to European Championship glory in 1992 and is currently in charge of the Finnish national side.

But Finnish sources say that it would prove extremely expensive for Rangers to prize Moller-Nielsen away from the Finnish FA who have him under contract until 2000.

Tommy Svensson, who recently parted company with Sweden, and his compatriot, Sven-Goran Eriksson, currently in charge of Lazio, have also been linked with the job.

"Walter has said that he will go at the end of the season and we will not be making any decision on a new manager until the New Year," said Rangers chairman David Murray. "Walter feels he would like a change in his life and that is his decision. We wish him well."

"He said to me during the summer that he wanted to try for 10 in a row and to have one more crack at Europe. Sadly, that has not worked out," Smith, who joined Rangers 11 years ago as assistant manager to Graeme Souness before taking over the top job in 1991, took the club he supported as a boy to an unparalleled reign of success.

Rangers have won the last nine league championships, seven of them under Smith, and

dominated the Scottish soccer landscape by winning three Scottish Cups and three League Cups since he took over.

Development of the pitch at Ibrox has also been immense.

Under Murray's rule, the Scottish champions have ploughed around £30 million (\$50 million) into making the 51,000-all-seater stadium among the best in the world, they have a turnover which rivals English champions Manchester United and are among the eight richest clubs in Europe.

Each year, on the back of yet another domestic championship triumph, more and more money has been ploughed into buying the foreign stars who, it was hoped, would help Rangers to emulate Celtic's European Cup success of 1967.

Some, like French defender Basile Boli and Russian striker Oleg Salenko, were failures. Others, such as Denmark's talented Brian Laudrup and Englishman Paul Gascoigne, have written their way into the club folklore.

Smith did manage to take Rangers to within 90 minutes of a place in the Champions' Cup final in 1992-93 only to see Marseille, claim the place instead.

In their two other appearances, in 1995-96 and 1996-97, Rangers have been totally outclassed, managing just one win in 12 games.

On three other occasions they were knocked out in the qualifying round - in 1993 by Levski Sofia, 1994 by AEK Athens and this season, Gothenburg.

Smith said on Tuesday: "A lot of the pressure on the players came from me as manager but I felt after Strasbourg that I was beginning to become a problem with the players." Smith has not had much luck with some of his purchases.

Defender Lorenzo Amoruso, who cost £4 million (\$6.68) from Fiorentina four months ago, has not played a game because of surgery on an Achilles problem, while Chilean striker Sebastian Rozental, a £4 million (\$6.68) buy from Universidad Catolica last January, managed just 58 minutes in a Rangers shirt before being struck by a knee injury.

Smith is expected to be given a £500,000 (\$834,000) golden handshake and is likely to take on the kind of talent-spotting role Bobby Robson has stepped into at Barcelona and attempt to provide new players for his successor.

Smith's aim is now to write himself into the record books by winning 10 titles in a row, surpassing Celtic's legendary manager Jack Stein who achieved nine.

If he does it, he will be allowed to forget his European failures - at least by one half of Glasgow.

Souness poised to take over at Benfica

LISBON (AP) - Graeme Souness, the former Liverpool and Scotland star, will take over as coach of Portuguese side Benfica.

Benfica announced the appointment of Souness as coach of the club president, Jose Malheiro, said in a statement.

Souness, 44, is expected to take over the club's affairs in November. He will be replacing the current coach, Abel Resa.

Souness, who played for Liverpool and Scotland, has won the UEFA Cup with Rangers in 1996-97. He is expected to bring his experience to Benfica.

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Since then the fragile nitrate films have remained in Owen and Maureen Batchelor's garage, except for miraculously surviving a year outside during some building work.

"My wife wanted to keep them, but I kept wanting to throw them out," Owen Batchelor said yesterday.

"We'd held them up and flicked through them. There was something about the rugby film that was quite interesting," Owen Batchelor said his father, a rugby and league player in the 1920s, was a "born collector", and might have found the clips at the dump.

"We don't know where he got them from - that's the puzzling thing," he said.

The film shows the teams going on to the field and the All Blacks performing their legendary war dance, the haka. Some periods of play are shown, but no tries or goals.

The films were shown to a friend of the family, Brother Gerrard Hogg, an archivist with the Wellington Marist Fathers and Brothers Congregation, while he was on holiday in Christchurch.

English rugby union players face 'sin bins'

LONDON (Reuters) - English rugby union officials have decided to introduce a "sin bin" in top club matches from this weekend in a bid to stamp out cynical play.

Following the lead of the southern hemisphere, the English Rugby Football Union (RFU) said on Tuesday that players committing offences such as deliberately going offside or killing the ball in a tackle would be sent from the field for 10 minutes.

The "sin bins," which have been used in ice hockey for many years and are also part of rugby league, will not apply to four play, however, where players will either be shown a yellow card or sent off the field for the rest of the match.

The experimental new rule will be introduced at English league matches in the first and second division from this weekend.

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Russia, Italy draw 1-1 in frozen mudbath

MOSCOW - Italy, in danger of missing the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958, slipped and slid to a 1-1 tie with Russia last night in a snowy playoff that leaves their fate riding on one final game.

The favored Italians were satisfied to escape with the draw, given a tough match on a night when the temperature was sub-freezing and the Dynamo Stadium pitch was better-suited to cross-country skiing than soccer.

Christian Vieri fired Italy ahead early in the second half but Fabio Cannavaro turned a cross into his own net two minutes later as Russia hit back, leaving the two teams even heading into the second leg at Naples on November 15.

Steady snow fell and a sharp wind blew throughout the match, limiting attendance in the 45,000-seat stadium to just 20,000, including Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and a few hundred hardy flag-waving Italian supporters.

Italian Coach Cesare Maldini, his job on the line, was pleased with the outcome.

"Italy played a great match, showing a lot of heart and aggressiveness," he said. "1-1 is a very good score for us."

However, we must be prepared to play another tough match in Naples. We only are halfway now."

Russian coach Boris Ignatov also tried to put the best face on the outcome. He said he was satisfied with his players' effort.

"It's not the end of our team, though there are those who would like to bury us and not have us go to France," he said, referring to fans and officials elsewhere who don't want a World Cup finals without Italy. "I think our prospects are 50-50 in Italy."

Italy had never before scored in three trips to Russia over 34 years. But Vieri, who plays in Spain for Atletico Madrid, slipped clear of defender Abrik Tsvetka to shoot home from just inside the area in the 50th minute.

Dmitry Khokhlov, replacing injured Andrei Kanchelskis at halftime, set up the Russian equalizer in the 52nd with a low cross from the right that eluded Sergei Yuran. Cannavaro was sliding in behind the Russian forward and couldn't help turning the ball over the line for the equalizer.

Ireland 1, Belgium 1
In Dublin, Luc Nilis answered Dennis Irwin strike for brilliant strike as Ireland and Belgium drew



TUG-OF-WAR - Italy's Christian Vieri (right) and Russia's Viktor Onopko fight for the ball in atrocious, sub-freezing conditions in Moscow last night.

1-1 in their playoff to give the Belgians a slight advantage in the second leg.

After Manchester United defender Irwin had curled a long-range free kick into the net in the seventh minute, Nilis bent a 20-meter shot into the top corner of the Irish net for the equalizer in the 30th.

The two teams meet again in Brussels.

The Belgians, forced to play without suspended Luis Oliveira and injured Enzo Scifo and Lorenzo Stelens, appeared unhappy at the decision that brought Ireland an early goal.

Hungarian referee Laszlo Vagner decided that Goran Vidovic was guilty of a foul on Feyenoord striker David Connolly.

Irwin punished him further with a bending free kick from 28 meters that flew round the wall and in

between the outstretched hands of goalkeeper Filip De Wilde and his right hand post.

As Belgium sought an immediate reply, Schalke forward Michael Goossens sent over a cross to Nilis whose header was brilliantly palmed round the post by Shay Given. From the corner, a goalbound shot by Franky van der Elst hit team-mate Eric Van Meir.

The equalizer came in the 30th minute and was a solo effort from Nilis.

He fought for the ball with Irwin on the right, turned back and weaved inside to pull the ball onto his left foot. Irwin went for another tackle but Nilis curled the ball into the top left hand corner of the net with a superbly-struck shot.

Croatia 2, Ukraine 0
In Zagreb, defender Slaven Bilic scored after only 11 minutes and

they humiliated Hungary 7-1 to take an almost certain stride towards next year's World Cup finals in France.

The visitors took the lead as early as the second minute of the World Cup European Zone qualifying playoff first leg when Branko Brnovic lobbed Hungarian keeper Szabolcs Safar from close range.

Yugoslavia were three goals up inside 10 minutes thanks to goals from Miroslav Djukic and a stunning drive from Dejan Savicevic.

Two goals from Predrag Mijatovic in the 26th and 41st minutes gave the visitors a five-goal lead at the break. Mijatovic completed his hat-trick in the 51st minute and substitute Szavo Milosevic made it seven on the 63rd minute.

Bela Illés scored a consolation goal for Hungary two minutes from time.

(AP, Reuters)

Betar looking for new striker

By ORI LEWIS

Betar Jerusalem are desperately looking for a new striker to fill the boots of the injured Stefan Saloi and Eli Ohana.

The defending league champions were effectively left without a strike force following Saloi's injury on Monday in which he broke his arm during training. A broken arm will leave him on the sidelines for up to three months.

Ohana had an operation on torn knee ligaments earlier this month and is out of action for the entire season.

Saloi will undergo an operation to repair the fracture to his upper left arm in the hope that this will speed up his recovery.

In the meantime, however, Betar are searching desperately for a replacement, but there are no names yet.

In all likelihood it will be another foreign import following the announcement yesterday that the Jerusalem club's main target, Shai Holtzman, who is currently under contract to French first division side Rennes, is not interested in returning to Israel.

Maradona says he's quitting soccer - again

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - Diego Maradona, dogged by rumors of a new failed doping test, said yesterday he had decided to retire from soccer, again.

"The footballer in me has come to an end. Nobody's sadder than me," the former Argentine captain, speaking on the eve of his 37th birthday, said in a telephone interview with television channel America 2.

"With all the pain in my soul, the moment has come to announce my retirement. Tomorrow will be my saddest birthday," he added, saying he had promised his father last month

that he would quit the next time "rumors" circled about his drug habit.

Maradona, who has announced his retirement several times before and threatened to quit on countless more occasions, played Sunday in Boca Juniors' 2-1 victory at archrival River Plate, a result which put the team atop of the Argentine first division standings.

Maradona, returning from a month on the sidelines due to a leg injury, played poorly and was substituted at halftime with Boca losing 1-0. Many newspaper reports said Boca Juniors would be better off without him.

Smashnova, Obziler win at Sherman Challenger

By HEATHER CHAIT

Anna Smashnova and Tsippi Obziler are the two local rackets to reach the quarter-finals of the \$25,000 Marjorie Sherman Challenger at Ramat Hasharon.

Yesterday top-seeded Smashnova, 163 in the world, beat Mexico's Jessica Fernandez 6-4, 6-3.

Obziler, ranked 323, had a straightforward 6-1, 6-2 win over Czech player Radka Pelikanova. Losing yesterday was Hila Rosen

(274), the new national champion, in her second round match against Katarina Srebotnik from Slovenia. The score was 7-6(4), 6-3.

The final of the national tennis league will be between Ramle Sports Club and Elitzur Kochav Yair.

Ramle, with Eyal Erlich, Noam Behr and Amir Hadad, beat ASA Tel Aviv 3-1 in the semi-finals.

Kochav Yair, in their first season in the National League, beat Hapoel Lod in the semi-finals yesterday also by a 3-1 scoreline.

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Weekender Food & Drink



Seckel pears are best suited to baked desserts like this one: Spiced pears in red wine.

(Cooking Light)

A sweet pilgrimage

Because the American colonists were so inventive, their classic New England desserts are still a hit, writes New England native Nina Simonds

Many are inclined to think of New Englanders as bearers of a tradition in cookery that's historically rich, but a trifle stodgy and unimaginative: baked beans; Thanksgiving turkey; the boiled dinner.

This notion does them a grave disservice. The truth is that even as far back as the Pilgrim days, Yankee cooks have been endlessly resourceful and inventive. And that's especially true at the end of the meal, when the dessert trolley rolls around.

When Native Americans taught the settlers the secret of "sugaring off" maple trees, the settlers found lots of uses for the resulting syrup.

And with a steady supply of exotic ingredients arriving by clipper ship from the far corners of the earth - cinnamon, cloves and ginger from the Orient as well as rum, molasses, pineapples and lemons from the West Indies - cooks had ample opportunity to mix local and imported tastes. To a great extent, the results of their experiments are the desserts that have become a cornerstone of the Colonial culinary legacy.

This region's robust cuisine might have been invented just for a crisp New England autumn. After a bundled-up afternoon picking through antiques or strolling along woodland paths and deserted dunes, there's something inevitable and proper about tucking away a substantial, nonsense roast or stew, then topping the meal off with a soul-satisfying rice pudding, or maybe Boston Cream Pie - that confection featuring twin layers of cake sandwiched with cream and crowned with chocolate.

New England's classic dessert recipes have been passed between generations for a couple of hundred years now, but that's no reason for today's cooks to regard them as sacred texts. In fact, those clever Colonials would no doubt applaud the health-conscious spin put on several of their most famous sweets, lightening them without changing their character a whit.

CHOCOLATE-POTATO TWEED CAKE

Although mashed potatoes may seem like an unlikely ingredient for a sweet Bundt cake, they've actually been used as a baking ingredient for centuries.

- 3 large egg whites
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup mashed, cooked, peeled red potato
- 1 large egg
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup 1% fat milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- cooking spray
- 1 tsp. sifted unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 cup frozen reduced-calorie whipped topping, thawed

Preheat oven to 175°.

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar at high speed of a mixer until foamy. Gradually add 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time; beat until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

Beat 1/4 cups sugar and margarine in a large bowl at medium speed of a mixer until well-blended (about 5 minutes). Add mashed potatoes and egg; beat well.

Combine flour and next 7 ingredients (flour through nutmeg). Add flour mixture to potato mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Fold egg-white mixture and vanilla into batter; pour batter into a 12-cup Bundt pan coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 175° for 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on a wire rack. Cut into 12 slices. Sprinkle with coconut; dollop each serving with 1 Tbsp. whipped topping. (Serves 12.)

SPICED PEARS IN RED WINE

Once New Englanders were introduced to the tiny, russet-colored Seckel pear, they learned that this fruit's firm texture and spicy-sweet flavor are best suited to baked desserts. If you can't find Seckels, five or six size Bosc pears can be substituted. Look for crystallized ginger and star anise in the spice section at Asian markets or specialty supermarkets.

1/2 cup lemon juice
1 Seckel pear (about 1 1/4 kg.)
20 1/2 cup sugar
5 orange rind strips, 6 1/2 x 2 cm.
1/2 cup orange juice
2 cinnamon sticks, 6 1/2 cm.
1 star anise (optional)
5 tsp. chopped crystallized ginger

Sprinkle lemon juice over pears; drain.
Combine wine and next 4 ingredients (wine through cinnamon) in a large non-aluminum Dutch oven. Add star anise, if desired; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook, covered, 10 minutes. Add pears; simmer 10 minutes or until tender, turning pears occasionally. Remove pears from wine mixture using a slotted spoon. Place in a shallow bowl; set aside.
Bring wine mixture to a boil over high heat; cook 10 minutes or until reduced to about 2 cups. Discard solids. Spoon reduced wine mixture over pears; sprinkle with ginger. (Serves 10.)

MAPLE RICE PUDDING

For a low-fat version of this pudding, use short-grain Arborio rice to create a richer, creamier texture.

- 4 cups low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup Arborio rice or other short-grain rice
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

Combine first 4 ingredients in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low; cook 50 minutes or until rice is tender and mixture is creamy, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. (Serves 8.)

BOSTON CREAM PIE

This dessert isn't a pie at all; it consists of two layers of sponge cake with a custard filling. It was Boston's Parker House hotel that crowned this "pie" with its now familiar chocolate topping. (In the more traditional version, powdered sugar is dusted on top.)

vanilla pastry cream (recipe below)
cooking spray
2 tsp. cake flour
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 tsp. margarine
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 large egg yolk
1 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup skim milk
2 large egg whites
2 Tbsp. sugar
chocolate glaze (recipe below)

Prepare vanilla pastry cream. Preheat oven to 175°. Coat bottom of a 22-cm. round cake pan with cooking spray. Dust with 2 tsp. flour; set aside.
Beat 1/2 cup sugar and margarine in a medium bowl at medium speed of a mixer until well-blended (about 5 minutes). Add vanilla and egg yolk, and beat well. Sift together 1/2 cups flour, baking powder and salt.
Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Beat egg whites at high speed of a mixer until foamy, using clean dry beaters. Gradually add 3 Tbsp. sugar, beating mixture until stiff peaks form. Gently stir one-fourth of egg-white mixture into batter. Gently fold in remaining egg-white mixture. Pour into prepared pan.
Bake at 175° for 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.
Split cake in half horizontally using a serrated knife; place bottom layer, cut side up, on a serving plate. Spread vanilla pastry cream evenly over bottom layer; top with remaining cake layer. Spread chocolate glaze evenly over top. Chill 1 hour or until glaze is set. (Serves 10.)

VANILLA PASTRY CREAM

1 large egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/2 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/4 cup low-fat milk
1/4 tsp. vanilla extract

Place egg in a bowl; set aside. Combine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Gradually add milk to saucepan; stir with a whisk until blended. Bring to a boil over

medium heat; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Gradually stir one-fourth of hot milk mixture into egg; add to remaining milk mixture, stirring constantly.

Cook over medium heat 1 minute or until thick, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat; stir in vanilla, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. (Makes 1 1/2 cups.)

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

60 gr. semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
3 1/2 Tbsp. water
2 1/2 Tbsp. fat-free, sweetened, condensed milk

Combine all ingredients in a medium glass bowl, and microwave at high 1 minute or until almost melted, stirring until smooth. (Makes 1/2 cup.)

PIE-UP-AND-DOWN PINEAPPLE-SPICE CAKE

Spice cake was a staple because Salem, Massachusetts, and other New England ports were hubs for the Far East spice trade. After ships from the Caribbean brought back pineapples, an inventive cook layered pineapple and sugar on the bottom of the spice cake pan. The result: an instant classic.

4 tsp. margarine, softened
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
7 slices fresh pineapple, 1 cm. thick
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup honey
1 large egg
1 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 cup skim milk
2 tsp. grated orange rind
1 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 175°. Melt 4 tsp. margarine in a 22-cm. cast-iron or heavy skillet. Add juice and brown sugar; bring to a boil and stir. Remove from heat.
Arrange pineapple slices in a single layer over brown sugar mixture; set aside.
Beat 1/2 cup margarine, granulated sugar, honey and egg at medium speed of a mixer until thick and fluffy. Combine flour and next 5 ingredients (flour through nutmeg) in a bowl. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture; beat well after each addition. Stir in rind and vanilla. Pour batter over pineapple slices.
Bake cake at 175° for 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes on a wire rack. Loosen cake from sides of pan using a narrow metal spatula. Invert onto a cake plate and cut into wedges. Serve warm. (Serves 10.)

Preheat oven to 220°. Combine first 5 ingredients in a large saucepan. Stir in diced apple and cranberries; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 15 minutes or until cranberries pop; stir occasionally. Remove from heat; cool.

Combine 1/4 cup flour and ice water, stirring with a whisk until well-blended; set aside. Combine 1 1/4 cups flour, 1 1/2 tsp. sugar and salt in a bowl; cut in shortening with a pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add ice water mixture; mix with a fork until flour mixture is moist.

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- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. grated orange rind
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 cups diced Golden Delicious apples
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
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Preheat oven to 200°. Combine 1/4 cup flour and ice water; stir with a whisk until well-blended. Set aside. Combine 1 1/4 cups flour, 1 1/2 tsp. sugar and salt in a bowl; cut in shortening with a pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add ice water mixture; mix with a fork until flour mixture is moist.

Working with larger portion of dough, remove top sheet of plastic; fit dough, uncovered side down, into a 20-cm. round removable-bottom tart pan coated with cooking spray. Remove bottom sheet of plastic. Fold edges of pastry under; press up sides of pan. Spoon cranberry mixture into

crust; set aside.
Working with the smaller portion of dough, remove top sheet of plastic. Cut dough into 1-cm. strips. Gently remove dough strips from bottom sheet of plastic; arrange in a lattice design over cranberry mixture. Seal dough strips to edge of crust. Place tart on a baking sheet.
Bake at 220° for 40 minutes or until crust is browned and filling is bubbly. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8.)

MARLBOROUGH PIE
For special occasions and holidays, Yankee cooks often departed from the traditional apple-pie recipe and prepared this rich pie. It's made with shredded apples or applesauce.

1 cup all-purpose flour, divided
3 1/2 Tbsp. ice water
1 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. vegetable shortening, cooking spray
2 cups sweetened applesauce
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup evaporated skim milk
2 Tbsp. margarine, melted
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. cream sherry
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
2 large eggs

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Phyllis's Tips More from marfona

BY PHYLLIS GLAZER
I love the new marfona strain of flour that just was introduced to the Israeli market. (The flour comes from Holland.)

Each time you have a thin skin, which means that they don't have to be peeled and should be peeled anyway. They are sold in three sizes (large, medium and small) and are uniform in size and shape, which makes them particularly attractive for cooking whole. Another advantage: they don't fall apart during cooking like regular potatoes.

Marfona potatoes are sold in 2 kg. cardboard boxes. The grower suggests them for microwave and oven use, but not for making chips. Except for March through April, they'll be available year-round. Price: NIS 4.90 per kg.

New Elite cakes
My dear friend Victor Perry used to say, "For people who like

that sort of thing, that's the sort of thing that people like that would like." That is a good description of Elite's new line of cakes. The wild fruit and apricot rolls and the chocolate-chip banana cake remind me of the kind of overly sweetened cakes served at PTA or HSNAD meetings. In what you buy when you want to squish your way out of sending a homemade cake to your child's school. They are not, however, what you would want to serve to anyone you really care about. The ingredients aren't the worst you could ingest, but I'd rather do without some of the additives. Price: NIS 12.90 for the wild fruit and apricot rolls; NIS 10.90 for the chocolate-chip banana cake.

If you gotta have it
There are not many positive things you can say about chocolate spread, since it basically does nothing but add fat and sugar to the diet. Most of the time it also is slathered on regular white bread, which is low in nutritional value.

And to make matters worse, some of the local brands made with chocolate substitutes don't even taste good if you're over eight years old.

But if you just gotta have it
Erlintina's "chocolate-hazelnut spread" is the way to go. You have to eat a whopping 50 gr. just to get 2.2 gr. of protein and only 18 gr. of fat. But at least it will taste good. Plus, except for vanilla (a vanilla substitute), it is basically made with natural ingredients. Price: NIS 9.90.

Milk and

Day Tripper By Haim Shapiro Eating your way around the countryside

This stop Netanya

Most visitors to Netanya go straight to the beach; Hanoch Farber and Ofra Riesenfeld went straight to the local market to check out the spice shops, the Tripolitanian restaurants and the Russian grocery store where you can buy kasha in bulk.

The two are the authors of *Madrich Mapa Leinyulei Ochel* ("Map's Good Food Guide to Israel"), a collection of virtually everything you want to know if you are traveling around the country and are interested in good and unusual food. As the Hebrew title implies, this is a guide for excursions, and the cities of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa are not included.

Nevertheless, the book contains descriptions and photographs of innumerable restaurants, dairies, wineries, bakeries, food shops and kiosks that sell interesting items in towns, countless Arab villages and at roadside stands.

The only problem with the book is that it's too beautiful to keep in the car and too useful to leave on your coffee table.

To introduce me to the book, Farber and Riesenfeld took me on a tour of Netanya, a city which, as they'd promised, held many pleasant surprises.

We started out at Chacho, a Tripolitanian restaurant in the local market at 10 Rehov Shoham, which received their special recommendation. From the outside, Chacho looks like most other inexpensive Middle Eastern restaurants, but as you walk inside, there is a hint that something special is going on: namely, a row of kerosene cooking stoves providing a perfect low, constant heat.

We feasted on stuffed intestine, a humous soup with meat, sublime stuffed potatoes, beans with pumpkin squash, and the Libyan version of *khreime* (fish in a hot sauce), along with couscous, cabbage salad, home-pickled vegetables and two kinds of hot pepper sauce.

When we finished we crossed Rehov Weizmann, one of Netanya's main business streets, to take a look at Tripolitanian Burekas, a shop that doesn't sell burekas at all, but rather the



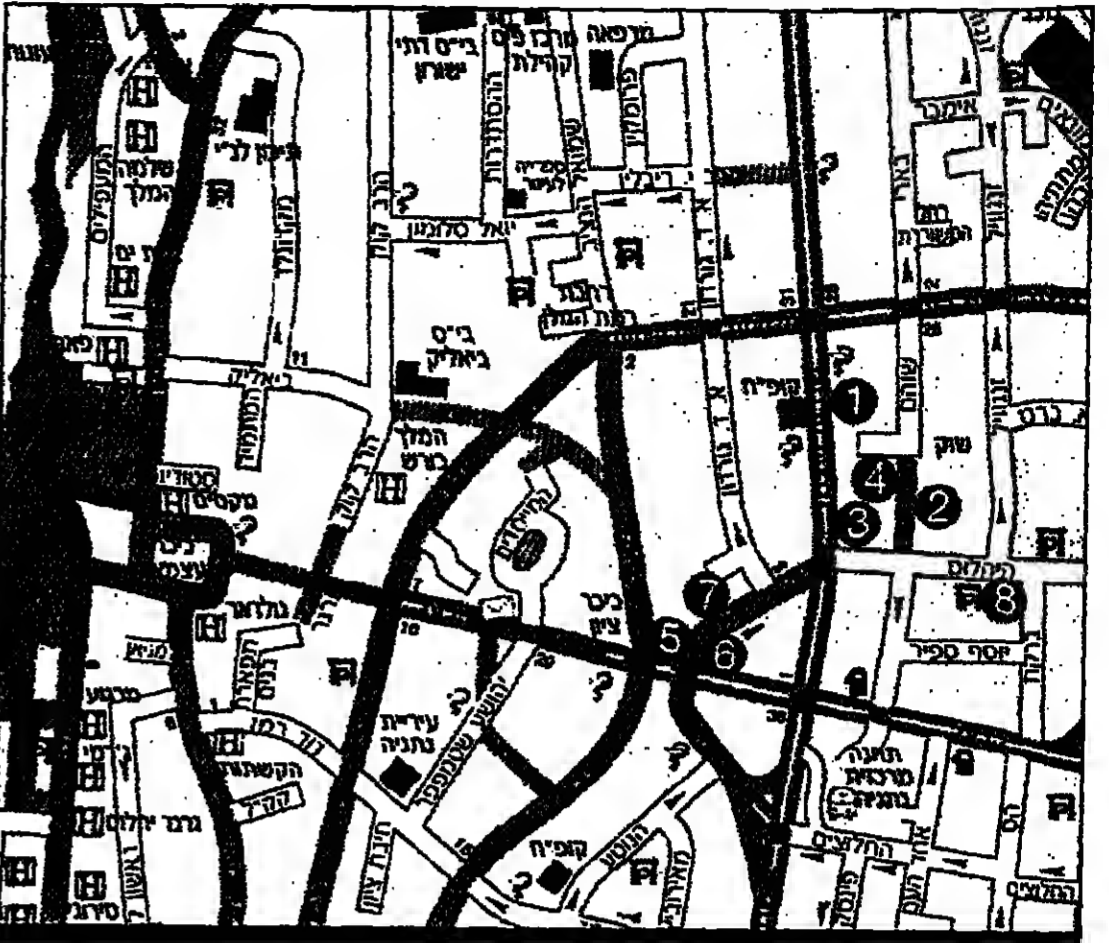
The kitchen at Chacho, an inexpensive Middle Eastern restaurant with its own special flair; (right) Tripolitanian Burekas, which doesn't sell burekas at all, but rather the Libyan version of the pastry.

Libyan version of *brik*, a light fried pastry filled with potato or egg. The shop also sells packages of the pastry leaves, which are suitable for anything from burekas to egg rolls.

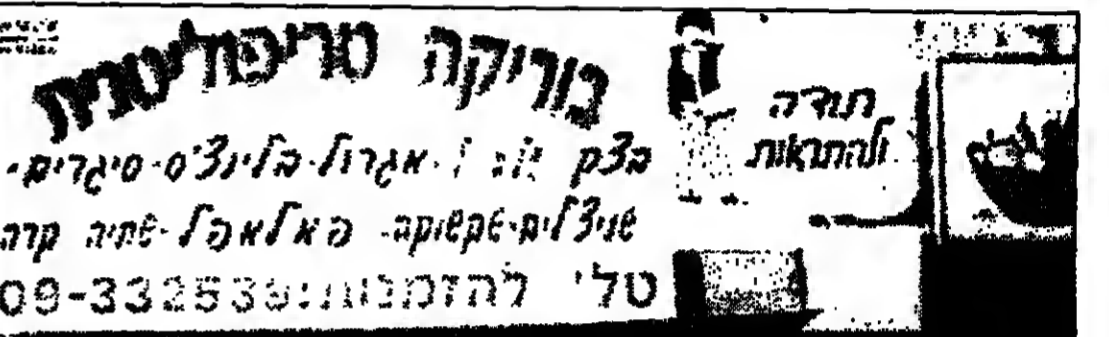
We continued on to the nearby Rehov Sha'ar Ha'emek where on one side of the street we saw Mifgash Sha'ar Hanegev, an ordinary little place which serves up extraordinary humous. Since the restaurant is only open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., it was already closing, so we crossed the street to have a look at the Tunisian Sandwich.

Instead, we discovered a doorway decorated in red and descended into Samovar, a Russian restaurant with a decor of mirrors, dolls and hundreds of bottles, instantly transporting you into another world. On weekends, my guides told me, the restaurant is transformed from a quiet refuge into a swinging nightspot, with an orchestra and dancing. It is on those nights that guests indulge in caviar and smoked sturgeon. For daily fare, the things that are especially good are the *piroshki* and other pastry-wrapped delicacies.

About a block down from the Samovar we stopped for a quick look at the Russian Bakery. This is, in fact, a grocery store which sells half a dozen different types of black bread, mineral water imported from Georgia, vodka, soft drinks, plastic tumblers and of course, kasha by the kilo.



Netanya



Close Encounters By Allan Rabinowitz

A visit to where Israel was born

Cynical about the state's direction? Visit Independence Hall in Tel Aviv and get reminded of how it all began

The State of Israel was declared on May 14, 1948, in the simple yet elegant stucco building that then housed the Tel Aviv Art Museum. Outside the building, Rothschild Blvd. is full of traffic and garbage. But inside Independence Hall - as it is now called - you can be carried to that moment Israel was created.

It is easy to forget today that, despite the UN resolution of November 1947 calling for a Jewish state in a partitioned Palestine, the creation of that state was far from certain as the British Mandate ended in May 1948, and almost did not happen.

In the increasingly tense weeks preceding British withdrawal, many nations displayed little support for the very resolution they had passed. Undeclared war, raging sporadically since December, had become increasingly intense and open as the British began pulling out, with all-out war expected to explode as the Union Jack was lowered. The United States was spearheading an effort for a truce and possible UN trusteeship, though there were splits within the Truman administration over this.

On May 12, Jewish leaders gathered in Tel Aviv to face the question of whether to declare statehood two days later, when the British left, or to wait until some future date as the US was urging - indeed, demanding - under her proposed truce plan. Faced with the specter of both military siege and possible diplomatic isolation, the Jewish leadership was hurled into a crisis.

The dilemma deeply split the National Council of Thirteen, the governing body under David Ben-Gurion. On the one hand, delay might offer a chance to strengthen Jewish defenses, with an American-backed truce defusing the threat of all-out Arab invasion.

And the Jews had recently captured vital areas, including Tiberias, Haifa, Acre, Jaffa and Safed. In Jerusalem, Arab forces had been driven from some suburbs.

Moreover, Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews remained under siege and were threatened with starvation, and the Etzion settlement bloc teetered on collapse (in the end, it fell before statehood was declared). The Jewish front had no depth, desert settlements were isolated, the Judean hills were under Arab control and the Jewish forces had no reserves, and little weaponry and ammunition.

But Ben-Gurion insisted that the future political situation was volatile and unpredictable, that a state could more easily acquire weapons, that military victory was possible and, most vitally, that this window of opportunity might not recur.

So by a vote of six to four, the armistice proposal was rejected; Jewish statehood would be declared. Accompanying the excitement, the sense of destiny and history, was the dread of certain invasion.

With the die cast, less than 48 hours remained to prepare a ceremony. The ceremony was supposed to be secret - one well-placed bomb could wipe out the entire Jewish leadership of Palestine - and held in the art museum because it was fairly small.

Interestingly, the city of Tel Aviv and State of Israel thus shared a birthplace. In 1909, 66 families gathered on a sand dune to divide up the lots of what became Tel Aviv. Meir Dizengoff, the civic leader who later became the city's first mayor, built his home on that dune, and after the death of his wife he turned it into the city's art museum.

HIGH DRAMA was now laced with chaotic comedy. The 350 rapidly scribbled invitations were

secretly dispatched, yet by the morning of the declaration, even a Japanese paper had announced the event.

Arrangements were as sparsely and hastily made as the bunting across the ceremonial table. A dusty portrait of Theodor Herzl was dragged up from a basement, and two huge Zionist flags were found but were so filthy they had to be laundered. The chairs were borrowed from cafes, the microphone from an appliance store, with its name attached and visible. Two thousand years of exile were ending with a bargain-basement celebration.

Squabbles then ensued over every aspect of the independence declaration, such as whether to cite borders, the use of God's name, and the very name of the state. In Washington, Jewish Agency officials submitting a formal request for recognition of the new state did not know what name to use.

A parchment suitable for the historic document was found, with difficulty. But Ben-Gurion rewrote the entire text the night before the ceremony, and the final typed draft was approved with only two hours left - not enough time for the parchment to be inscribed.

The scrambling lasted until, at 4 p.m., Ben-Gurion banged his gavel to open the proceedings. Then the power of the event took over. A crowd surrounded the "secret" location. People around Palestine huddled around their radios, except in Jerusalem, where the daily bombardment of Jewish neighborhoods cut off the broadcast.

TODAY, IN the main hall of the house - where Ben-Gurion sat backed by Herzl's portrait - you can hear the recording of his controlled monotone reading out the charter for the new state. You can picture the National Council on



Today in Independence Hall you can picture the National Council signing the Declaration of Independence and imagine their ecstasy as well as dread. (Seated, from left to right): David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Moshe Sharett. (Government Press Office)

the dais (the table is a replica, but the chairs behind it, and the dais and its carpet, are the originals), wondering with ecstasy, awe and dread what this gesture would bring upon the Jewish people. When the new Jewish state, "to be called the State of Israel," was proclaimed, the audience rose and burst into applause. The *Shehecheyanu* blessing was recited. "My eyes filled with tears," Golda Meir later wrote, "and my hands shook. We had done it... Whatever price any of us would have to pay for it, we had recreated the Jewish national home."

The council members solemnly signed the blank parchment scroll - the text had to be inscribed later. You can hear the taut emotion squeezed into every note of the recording of "Hatikva," as sung and played by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. When the last strains faded, Ben-Gurion said, "The State of Israel has arisen. This session is closed," and then banged the gavel. The crowds outside broke into song and dance. The US stunned both Israel and the UN with its immediate recognition of the new state. By the next morning, Arab armies were invading and the Egyptian Air Force was bombing

Tel Aviv. A glance at current headlines might numb you into cynicism as Israel stumbles, bleeds and argues its way to age 50. But a visit to Independence Hall will remind you how wondrous it was that it came into being at all. There is a movie with some fascinating, rare footage that traces 2,000 years of Jewish exile, the Zionist movement and struggle for Palestine, and the blooming of Tel Aviv. Independence Hall is located at 16 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv, tel. (03) 517-3942. It is open Sun-Thurs, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on

Fridays by prior arrangement. From the Central Bus Station, take the No. 4 bus to Allenby St. and Rothschild, then walk two blocks. There is an admission fee. For groups of 20 or more, the fee includes a guide. It might pay to go with a group, since the excellent guiding will help bring alive that moment of Israel's birth. Individual visitors browsing through the simple, stark exhibits and photographs outlining the struggle for the state might have to work harder to recreate the sense of drama and history. Allan Rabinowitz is a licensed tour guide.

Bridge

Israeli Ladies stay home



By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North dealer
North-South vulnerable

North (Avarelli)
 ♠ J9
 ♥ Q107
 ♦ K10975
 ♣ A K J

West (Kay) East (Kaplan)
 ♠ K73 ♠ 54
 ♥ J653 ♥ A942
 ♦ A ♦ Q63
 ♣ Q10532 ♣ 9764

South (Belladonna)
 ♠ A Q10862
 ♥ K8
 ♦ J842
 ♣ 8

West	North	East	South
-	1♠	pass	2♠
pass	3♦	pass	4♠
(all pass)			

Opening lead: ♠A

Last spring at the European Championships the Israeli Ladies Team qualified for a berth in the Venice Cup (the world bridge team championships for women), which is taking place this week in Tunisia. But at the last minute, the team did not go because of security problems. Tunisian and Israeli officials were not able to agree on security for the Israeli Ladies Team, and the team was required to stay home by the Israeli Ministry of Education and Sports. According to the team's captain, Tunisian officials agreed to equal security for all teams, which meant nothing special for Israel.

But previous locales for championships have also given players problems. South African and Taiwanese teams used to have political problems attending tournaments in certain countries and sometimes attended under pseudonyms. Last year's tournament in Rhodes, Greece, was a financial burden for a number of countries. The main complaint of many

teams is that when a tournament is held "off the beaten path," it is difficult, time- and money-wise, to send a team. There is no doubt that world championships should be in major cities or outskirts of cities where one plane ride gets you there from any other metropolis in the world.

If you've never been to a world championship as a spectator, you should consider the idea for a vacation. They are exciting affairs and you get to hobnob with many interesting, well-known players. The main events are shown in a VuGraph theater with the four-hand diagram on a huge movie screen, while expert commentators describe the action.

This week's deal is a good example of the excitement generated on VuGraph.

It was played at the 1967 world championships in Miami Beach, Florida. The bidding was the Roman Club System, used by one of the famous partnerships from the Italian Blue Team. North's one club showed an average opening bid, and South's two spades was forcing to game. Against four spades, West, Norman Kay, playing for the US, led his singleton ace of diamonds and switched to a heart. Edgar Kaplan, sitting East, won the second trick with the ace of hearts and paused to study the situation.

Meanwhile, the VuGraph audience was on the edge of their seats. They could see that the only return to defeat the contract was a diamond. West would ruff the diamond return and still score the king of spades for the setting trick. But it was difficult for East to return a diamond because he held the queen doubleton at this point, and it looked like the queen would be a trick for the defense if East simply stayed away from the suit.

Nevertheless, if East returned a heart, declarer would win the king and make his contract by discarding two diamond losers on dummy's queen of hearts and a high club. After some thought, Kaplan did return a diamond, to the cheers of the American audience.

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The mix-and-match grab bag

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

The first signs of winter may not have pleased everyone, but to the truly fashion-conscious they were a welcome relief. At last it was possible to parade some of the new season's acquisitions without feeling hot and breaking out in perspiration.

Because ensemble dressing is so much a part of the current trend, it's very easy to switch from casual to formal and back again by changing only one garment (and perhaps one's shoes) in mix-and-match combinations. A ribbed or cable-knit sweater worn with a suit will give the outfit a very sporty look, but once the sweater is removed and the jacket fastened and belted, the effect can become instantly formal.

Alternatively, remove a formal jacket from a skirt or a pair of slacks, don a casual sweater or tunic and immediately create a sporty image.

The mix-and-match grab bag includes textured and colored tights, cat suits and hose, the most comprehensive selection of which is available at Fogal in Tel Aviv's Kikar Hamedina. The Fogal color chart includes over 90 colors and shades in sheers and opaques plus checks, stripes, ribs, fishnet and lace.

The profusion of zippered garments in the new season's collections adds fun and excitement to fashion play. A little tug and pull can do wonders.

Take for instance the zippered polo shirt, a very handy unisex garment, which when fully closed resembles a lightweight turtleneck sweater, and when opened can be quite sexy and provocative depending on how far you go and what you may or may not be wearing underneath.

Zippered cardigans, zippered pile jackets and zippered leather jackets are also back in vogue with zippers occasionally acting as a means of letting out or taking in the seams without having to resort to scissors, needle and thread.

Basic blacks, inky blues, steely grays, coffee browns and manish tweeds are invariably part of the winter scene, but tempered this year with vibrant greens, cheery honey tones, the full red-wine palette and bold shades of purple, tangerine, turquoise and lemon.

It's amazing what a colored blouse or sweater can do for a dark suit. Even more effective is a colored blazer over a dark sweater and pants. If you need convincing, take a look at Next, Dan Casidi, Miss Lagone and OutSet.

To be reasonably well-dressed this winter all you need are two three-piece suits, one bright and one dark, plus two contrasting sweaters and blouses. Play your options right and you'll have enough variety to create a different look every day for a month.

Although we're back to classics, the strictly tailored versions of the past have given way to a more relaxed, comfortable ambience, most visible in the Max Mara lines where oversized coats and longer skirt lengths emphasize that comfort is no less important than élan.



Chess

An excellent endgame

By NIGEL SHORT

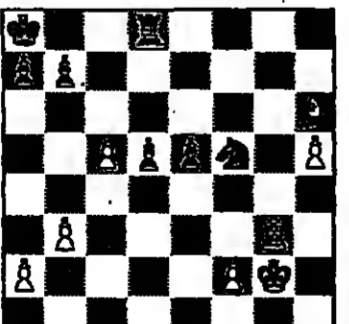
The highly gifted teenager Luke McShane has been made the British Chess Federation Player of the Year. Fortunately, the highly politicized and profoundly biased voting that has marred some of the previous awards has been largely absent and this time, at least, we have a worthy winner. At 13, Luke is easily the youngest recipient of the award and the first non-grandmaster. Already an international master, he is ably coached by both Daniel King and Jon Speelman - a considerable improvement over the not-too-distant days when the development of talent was more or less left to chance.

In the following game against the top English woman, Susan Lalic, McShane shows some of his considerable skills as well as an odd, rough edge. Overall, though, it was a good performance.

White: McShane
 Black: Lalic
 London, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3. This has been played numerous times but I believe it is more accurate to delay the knight's development until the c8 bishop has committed himself eg 6...c3 Bf5 and only then 7.Nf3 6...Bg4 7 e3 e6 8.Bd3 Bd6. Slightly premature. 8...Nd7 or a queen move (8...Qd5!) look more to the point. 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4. Removing the troublesome cleric at the cost of weakening white's pawn structure. 10...Bg6 11.h4 Nd7 12.h5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 h6? A very poor move leaving a permanent target on h6. 13...Qc7 14.Bh6 Bf8 was better. 14...Be3 Qa5 15.Nd2 0-0-0 16.Nc4 Qd5 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6 18.0-0-0 Qd5 19.c4 Qf3. Recognizing her structural inferiority, Susan correctly strives for counterplay. 20.Qa3 Nb6 21.h3 Kh8 22.Rhg1 f5 23.gxf5 Qxf5 24.Qe5! Nicely centralizing the queen which can hardly be exchanged in view of the vulnerable h6 pawn. 24...Qf3 25.Qe5+ Ka8 26.Qa5 Nc8 27.Rg3 Qf6 28.Qe5 28.

Rd1 looks more-purposeful. 28...Qe7 29.c5. A highly committed decision but not entirely without merit. The black knight is prevented from coming to f5: 29...f6 30.Qe4 e5 31.dxe5 Rxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Rd8+ 33.Ke2 fxe5 34.Kf1 34...Bxh6 directly would have been well worth considering but both sides were already in time-trouble. 34...Qe6 35.Qe4 Qf5 36.Qg4 Qd3+ 37.Ke2 Qd5+ 38.Qf3 Ne7 39.Qxd5. Finally, the queens are exchanged. 39...cxd5 40.Bxh6 Nf5.



41.Bg5 Nxe3. If instead 41...Rg8 42.Rg4 Nb6 43.Kh3 Nxe4 44.Kxg4 d4 45.b6 d3 46.Kh5 wins. 42...Bxd8 Nrh5 43.Be7 Nf4+ 44.Kf3 Nd3 45.Bd6. Material is even, but the knight is no match for white's mighty bishop. Note how the black king is totally cut out of from the action. 45...d4 46.Ke2 e4 47.f4! Nb4 48.f5 d3+ 49.Kd2 a6 50.Be5 Ne6 51.Bf4 b5 52.f6 Nd8 53.c6! The crushing blow. Obviously the pawn is untouchable. 53...Nf7 54.Ke3 d2 55.Kxd2 Ka7 56.Ke3 Kb6 57.c7 Black resigned. An excellent endgame.

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(Clockwise from top left): Any outfit can be made more funky with textured, colored tights by Fogal; a colored blazer over a dark sweater by Dan Casidi makes an amazing, wintry ensemble; a three-piece suit by OutSet is a staple for mixing and matching; strictly tailored styles give way this season to comfort, as can be seen in the oversize coats of Max Mara.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

OPERA
HELEN KAYE

Last two chances to see the NIO production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. Musically it's pleasant. The staging, a total yawn in the first half, gets crisp and energetic in the second. Best of all, there's Mozart's glorious music and Da Ponte's witty libretto to make a fun evening. Mark Barrard's Figaro, Delphine Haidan as Cherubino, suave William Shimmell as the count, and Michal Shamir's tender contessa deserve special mention. Tonight and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. (Italian with Hebrew super-titles).

And then there's *La Boheme*. Beg unashamedly for a ticket. Daniel Oreo conducting and Nuccia Focile singing Mimi are worth every second. Roberto Aronica will be a wonderful Rodolfo some day. Right now he has the passion and the musicality, but the voice is still a little unripe. Zeffirelli's direction is a little florid, but it is, so, so alive. Oren's conducting lets you inhale the music, absorb it like necessary air. He's on the podium only until November 3. Tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 1 p.m. (Italian with Hebrew super-titles).

ENGLISH THEATER
HELEN KAYE

The Guild Theater production of Neil Simon's *Footloose in the Park* is directed by Jodi Shek and stars Rob Schein and Laurel Polansky as newly married Paul and Laurie Bratter, who discover that life in a fourth-floor New York walk-up isn't as romantic as they thought. And then there's mother (Pina Isseroff), too. Saturday night at Yad Lebanim, Ra'anana, at 8:30.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Pianist Christiane Frucht, violinist Patrick McDermott and cellist Joel Marosi met four years ago in Israel. Since then, they have inaugurated the Zurich Quartet and will make their



Pianist Christiane Frucht, violinist Patrick McDermott and cellist Joel Marosi make their local debut tomorrow.

Israeli debut tomorrow (noon) at the opening of the Jerusalem Music Center Youth at the Coover Friday noon series. Their program features trios by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Rihm. A half hour before the concert, music lovers will be able to enjoy excerpts from the JMC's huge video archives screened at the auditorium.

The Zurich Trio also performs the same program tonight (8:30) at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv. The Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra hosts the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus on Saturday (9) in Ra'anana in a varied choral program with works by Handel, Purcell, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and others.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and a grid. Clues include: 'He demands money for a huge plaiter (7)', 'Corporation has reservation getting Dutch currency (7)', 'Claimed to have been a garden abnahl (8)', 'Exacted about fifty after being ousted (7)', 'Fanciful description of Tinker Bell? (4-5)', 'Casual worker goes to eastern Greek valley (5)', 'Timely indication of stress (5)', 'Not informed that candles are needed (2,3,4)', 'Handy replacement of a garden abnahl (8)', 'Understood by Irish leader involved in diplomacy (5)', 'Blast! No rehab! (5)'. Down clues include: 'Model fellow born one of five (9)', 'Rex meets Virginia in rigorous US university (7)', 'A job offered to the French missionary (7)', 'Sets are distributed in mosaic (7)', 'I am not come to, but to fulfill? (St. Matthew's Gospel) (7)', 'Brief agreement (7)', 'Director coming in soon to get a firelog? (7)', 'Cease to function and leave (2,3)', 'Passing on gossip is a abnahl's job (9)', 'Manage to squeeze past (3,2)'. Solutions are provided for several words.

SOLUTIONS section for the cryptic crossword, providing answers for the clues listed in the previous section. Solutions include: 'Plaiter', 'Corporation', 'Garden', 'Fifty', 'Tinker Bell', 'Casual worker', 'Stress', 'Candles', 'Garden', 'Understood', 'Diplomacy', 'Rehab', 'Model fellow', 'Rex meets Virginia', 'French missionary', 'Sets', 'I am not come to', 'Brief agreement', 'Director coming in soon', 'Cease to function and leave', 'Passing on gossip', 'Manage to squeeze past', 'Plaiter', 'Corporation', 'Garden', 'Fifty', 'Tinker Bell', 'Casual worker', 'Stress', 'Candles', 'Garden', 'Understood', 'Diplomacy', 'Rehab', 'Model fellow', 'Rex meets Virginia', 'French missionary', 'Sets', 'I am not come to', 'Brief agreement', 'Director coming in soon', 'Cease to function and leave', 'Passing on gossip', 'Manage to squeeze past'.

QUICK CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and a grid. Clues include: 'Pet rodent (7)', 'Cogs (5)', 'Trunk of human body (5)', 'Vagabond (7)', 'Idle person (9)', 'Lyric poem (3)', 'Blossom (6)', 'Leaves hapless (6)', 'Fuss (3)', 'Wig (5)', 'Fast sailing ship (7)', 'Roman conspirator (5)', 'Simple song (5)', 'Trusting in (7)', 'Linn (5)', 'Spoil (3)', 'Distress (7)', 'Canyon (6)', 'European river (5)', 'Intricate (9)', 'Excitable person (7)', 'One who studies animals (9)', 'Limp, flabby (7)', 'Of current interest (7)', 'Looking-glass (6)', 'Joyous (5)', 'Precise (5)', 'Mineral spring (3)'. Solutions are provided for several words.

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Mordechai, Sharon oppose primaries' vote

By SARAH HONIG

Two of the Likud's leading ministers - Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon - yesterday asked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to make sure the issue of the party's primaries does not come up for a vote by the November 9 Likud convention. A similar call came from 10 Likud mayors yesterday.

The issue is still causing great turmoil in the Likud, which is rife with rumor that Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman is orchestrating efforts to dump the primaries to give Netanyahu greater control over who becomes a Likud MK.

Netanyahu heard the two ministers out, but did not commit himself. The official word from his bureau is that he still has not made up his mind on the matter. However, the fact that such politi-

cal heavyweights as Sharon and Mordechai have spoken out is expected to increase pressure on Netanyahu to back down.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, a Netanyahu loyalist, hinted broadly a few days ago that at the last moment Netanyahu will see to it that the issue does not come up for a vote.

The convention is to discuss a proposal by MK Uzi Landau to drop the primaries for MKs, but keep them for

prime minister and mayoral candidates.

The 10 mayors met in Ra'anana at the office of Mayor Ze'ev Bielski, who called on the prime minister to "opt for compromise rather than confrontation. There is no rush for the party to take a stand on the primaries issue at this juncture."

The mayors (also from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam, Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva, Hadera, Ashdod, Ramle and Ness Ziona) recommended that Netanyahu appoint

Landau to head a committee to come up with a compromise, "which would take into account the shortcomings of the primaries system, but will not return the party to the elections via the central committee."

Landau is known to favor a system that would put the choice in the hands of a special forum of some 10,000 electors, instead of leaving the clout with the 2,700-member central committee or the 200,000 party members.

MKs call for probe of Raviv

By LIAT COLINS

A group of MKs is asking Justice Minister Tzachi Hanegbi to investigate Avishai Raviv, codenamed "Champagne," who apparently worked for the General Security Service at the same time he was involved in right-wing organizations which spearheaded the incitement that preceded the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Three MKs - Benny Elon (Molede), Ze'ev Boim (Likud) and Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) - have signed the petition to Hanegbi and others are expected to join them, including Science Minister Michael Eitan. Eitan has called for Raviv to be brought to trial for incitement and anti-Arab activities.

In a letter the three wrote yesterday, they refer to an interview with Raviv scheduled to appear in tomorrow's *Yedioth Aharanot*. According to a "teaser" excerpt, Raviv told the paper the extremist right-wing parties in Israel are like the neo-Nazi parties in Germany.

"Among other things, I would like to know if he speaking as a GSS agent or as a private individual and was there someone who told him what to say?" Elon asked yesterday. "Does he still enjoy privileges as a GSS agent while continuing to taint the image of the right-wing camp?"

"Since the change in government, the public has not been aware of any actions taken by the government to clarify allegations that Raviv was acting in the capacity of a GSS agent when he established the right-wing extremist organization known as Eyal," Elon said. "Elon called upon Hanegbi to verify whether or not Raviv was in

fact a GSS agent and if so whether he worked as an agent provocateur with the approval or on the orders of his handlers.

"Should the allegations prove correct, then the GSS has acted in a manner contrary to acceptable democratic norms, as a direct result of Raviv's incitant activities," the MKs wrote in the letter. "Even if it is concluded that Raviv's activities did not have a direct or indirect effect on the assassination of the late prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, they definitely did affect the image of the entire right-wing community."

Elon said the justice minister is obliged to examine the whole issue "and see whether steps are being taken today to ensure that in no Israeli government - on the Right or Left - this type of exploitation of the GSS will be repeated."

Eitan has said in the past that among the questions which must be investigated is why Raviv has been allowed to go free, without even standing trial, for his role in racist and seditious activities; where he now works and who pays him.

Yesterday, Labor filed a no-confidence motion in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for what it called "the ongoing incitement by Netanyahu against the Israeli Left on the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin."

Labor whip Ra'anana Cohen noted the motion would be heard on Monday, almost two years to the day since the assassination. He called on Netanyahu to "apologize to the people for his inflammatory way and to act to unite Israeli society, instead of continuing with the wild incitement against the opposition and large sectors of the Israeli population."

Swiss release new lists of WWII accounts

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Swiss banks yesterday released a new list of 14,000 dormant World War II-era accounts, worth about \$12.4 million, which brings to \$54 million the total found in unclaimed accounts over the past two years.

In July, the Swiss Bankers Association published a list of 1,872 names of foreigners who had unclaimed accounts from the Holocaust-era. Those names were published in newspaper ads worldwide and on the Internet. The available lists now include non-Swiss accounts as well as dormant accounts that were opened by Swiss nationals, which contain about \$70 or more. Yesterday's list may include the names of Swiss lawyers or others who acted as financial agents for the Jews in Europe.

Information on the lists and claims is available on the Internet at <http://www.dormantaccounts.ch>.

About 30,000 people have made inquiries about the first list, and more than 10 percent of them have filed claims, according to the SBA. A claims arbitration panel has been set up by the Volcker Committee, a joint SBA-World Jewish Congress panel, headed by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, that is overseeing a forensic audit of the banks' unclaimed accounts.

"The lists are a fraud," said Gizella Weissbaus of New York, who last October filed a \$20 billion class-action suit against the banks

in US District Court. Weissbaus is seeking the Swiss bank account she says was opened by her father, Eugen Stern of Sighet, Romania. His name has not appeared on any list.

The Volcker Committee did not have the best interests of Holocaust survivors at heart, she told the Associated Press. "We don't need Paul Volcker. We don't need the World Jewish Congress." The July list proved to be an embarrassment for the bankers because it revealed, at a glance, accounts from several well-known existing European businesses, demonstrating that the banks were not aggressive in tracking down customers. It also included names that matched those of known Nazis.

I have not found a fig leaf big enough to cover up the negligence of my colleagues in the banks since the war," the SBA president, Georg [CQ] Krayer, told reporters in Zurich when the July list was made public.

The new list has been checked against a roster of Nazis provided by The Simon Wiesenthal Center and "steps have been taken that in no case will criminal assets be paid out," the SBA said. The bankers have uncovered another \$690,000 in some 64,000 dormant accounts, with balances of less than \$70, belonging to Swiss nationals. The banks said they will contribute an equivalent amount to an international charity aiding needy children.



Promoting understanding

A religious and a secular Jew pose in front of a bus poster advertising a campaign launched yesterday by the Geshar Foundation, which promotes understanding between religious and secular. Geshar also is sponsoring a national day of dialogue between secular and observant pupils on November 9 to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. (Roni Ne'eman)

Poll: Hundreds of thousands justify political assassination

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Some 300,000 Israeli Jews can justify and support assassination of political leaders, researchers said, extrapolating from the results of a poll of Israeli Jewish adults that was released yesterday. Up to 1,000 people might be willing to do the deed themselves, the researchers said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is the most likely victim of an assassination attempt, according to the poll conducted by Shvachim Panorama for Israel Radio in an attempt to assess the number of "political murderers" in Israel today. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid came in second on the potential victims' list, followed by former Labor leader Shimon Peres, Labor leader Ehud Barak and former Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni.

"The Israeli public accepts the possibility that one Jew can assassinate another for political reasons as an inseparable part of the 'new' Israeli norm," concludes Shvachim Panorama director Yossi Vadana.

"They did well to conduct and publish this survey," said Tel Aviv

University ethics Prof. Asa Kasher. "It's a grave danger of which society should be warned."

The survey indicates there are three "circles" comprising the social network of Israeli Jews who support, encourage and intend to carry out the murder of leaders who either support or might implement a policy of returning territories as part of a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

The first circle encompasses more than 300,000 adults, who justify and are willing to give backing to the assassin, according to the researchers. The second encompasses some 180,000 who support harming a prime minister who might return land for peace and justify Yitzhak Rabin's murder. The third circle, deemed most dangerous by Vadana, numbers 45,000 people who openly support political murder.

In response to the survey results, Sarid said he feels "a fraternity of the threatened," with Netanyahu, adding, "but that's the only closeness I feel regarding him."

He noted "Netanyahu is now reaping the whirlwind of the storm

he sowed before becoming prime minister; for there is no doubt, he was part of sowing that bad wind which ultimately led to Rabin's murder. The threats are not new to me, I've been living like this for many years, but maybe now that he is being threatened, Netanyahu feels what Rabin did at the time."

"The hand which held the gun [which killed Rabin] may be tied today," Sarid said, "but those who marked him as the target are still roaming free."

He said he was referring to "a considerable group, including very important people, who prepared the ground and the hearts for the most terrible and dangerous crime in the state's history."

Sarid stressed that both his and Netanyahu's lives are threatened by the same people: "It's a group of extreme right-wing nationalists. There is no threat on the prime minister from the Left."

Sixty-two percent of those polled said they think Netanyahu should apologize for his public conduct before Rabin's murder, while 38% think he shouldn't.

Meanwhile, 89.9% said they

believe assassin Yigal Amir's goal was to stop the peace process and change the government; 47.8%

believe he achieved that, compared to 52.2% who think he didn't.

These are new idol worshippers

Prof. Asa Kasher, of the Tel Aviv University ethics department, said the people indicated by the survey as backing assassination or being potential assassins are the new idol worshippers, who consume and worship idols and have removed all restraint from emotional, humanistic, or religious feelings. They are the natural heirs of the worshipers of gold and silver.

Kasher said Shvachim Panorama director Yossi Vadana did well to conduct the survey, which should be seen as a crucial warning to society.

The poll he said, composed of some 1,000 people, was taken from a demographic sample which reflects the importance of human life, and those who want to improve the world, and are prepared to go to any lengths to do so.

Kasher said the poll surprised him, since he expected the survey to show that most people would not support assassination.

Kasher stressed that Rabin's assassination, Yigal Amir is the product of the state's internal divisions, he said in a personal school, a normal university and a normal army unit. And hundreds of thousands of people wonder why he did it and called for his execution, but they would not do it themselves.

WEATHER

Jerusalem 17-29
Tel Aviv 18-25
Haifa 18-27
Tiberias 18-30
Afula 17-29
Samartha 18-27
Jerusalem 17-29
Be'er Sheva 18-25
Dead Sea 18-31
Eilat 19-31

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Possibility of rain.

AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Low	High	Wind	Cloud	
Alexandria	16	21	07	45	clear
Bahia	02	38	06	41	rain
Buenos Aires	18	24	20	08	clear
Cairo	16	24	20	08	partly cloudy
Chicago	02	28	12	04	partly cloudy
Copenhagen	08	11	08	03	cloudy
Frankfurt	03	27	07	45	clear
Geneva	02	27	07	45	clear
Helsinki	01	34	02	35	cloudy
Hong Kong	20	28	25	73	clear
London	02	38	12	04	clear
Los Angeles	12	24	12	04	clear
Madrid	13	25	20	09	partly cloudy
Moscow	01	25	02	45	partly cloudy
New York	08	43	11	52	partly cloudy
Nice	13	25	17	03	partly cloudy
Paris	01	34	10	50	partly cloudy
Rome	07	45	18	03	cloudy
Stockholm	08	41	04	39	clear
Sydney	17	22	22	72	partly cloudy
Tokyo	13	23	20	03	clear
Toronto	08	37	08	45	clearly
Vladivostok	08	23	04	38	partly cloudy
Zurich	06	23	04	38	partly cloudy

Winning cards

In yesterday's first daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the jack of clubs, the 9 of hearts, the ace of diamonds, and the jack of spades.

In the second daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of clubs, the 9 of hearts, the king of diamonds, and the 7 of spades.

Historic Vatican antisemitism symposium opening today

By LISA PALMERI-BILLIG

VATICAN CITY - For the first time in history, the Roman Catholic Church is doing some official soul-searching on its responsibility for 2,000 years of Christian antisemitism. A four-day Vatican symposium on "The Christian Roots of Antisemitism" starts here today.

More than 60 Christian experts on Christian-Jewish relations are attending, including members of the Vatican International Theology Committee.

Initiated by the pope as part of the process leading to a Catholic "teshuva" in 2000, the symposium will be followed next year by another on "The Inquisitions."

Because of its inner-Christian nature,

only Christians have been invited to the symposium. Papers on problematic New Testament texts as the "roots" of Christian antisemitism will be discussed, along with anti-Jewish stereotypes through the centuries.

Father Georges Cottier, president of the Vatican Commission and the pope's personal theologian, and Cardinal Roger Etchegaray will make the concluding remarks on Saturday.

Sessions are closed, but the proceedings will be published. Most important, the conclusions will be submitted to the pope, who "will proceed as he feels fit," said Cottier.

Further research and a papal statement on Christian antisemitism are held most

probable. This initiative would be separate from the long promised Vatican document on "The Shoah: The Historical Background of Antisemitism and Its Contemporary Manifestations."

According to reports, this document is complete and awaiting the green light from the higher echelons, where it has met with resistance. Some of the experts who worked on the final draft are attending the symposium, and are expected to push for the document's publication.

Observers note the tension in sections of the Catholic hierarchy, who are frightened by the pope's determination to lead the church in a purification process and a wide-reaching "mea culpa" for vast areas of past church history. Others give strong

support to the pope's initiatives, such as the influential Catholic magazine, *Jesus*, which dedicated its current issue to a thick dossier on "The Roots of Hate: Christians and Antisemitism."

It includes an interview with Shimon Samuels of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, following Tuesday's publication of his accusatory "Letter to the Pope," demanding the opening of the Vatican's World War II archives and listing a long series of grievances against the church and four proposals for action.

Vatican circles, which never respond officially to the media, seemed taken aback out so much by the contents as by the style of Samuel's letter, which contained not a single positive remark.

OC Navy: Commandos continue to fight despite loss

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In his first public reaction since the failed commando raid in Lebanon and the subsequent inquiry, OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal said yesterday that the unit took a tough blow, "but like a trained boxer, we stayed on our feet."

Speaking off the Lebanese coast aboard the corvette Hanit, Tal said the navy is not seeking revenge, but continues to operate in Lebanon.

"Not all the terrorist leaders or targets we want to hit have disappeared," he said. "Shayetet 13 will continue to do its job. The same fighters, the same unit will have to deal with the same targets. The time will come when we will choose the right time, the right method and the right approach in the end."

He said the navy accepted the recommen-

dations of the Ophir Committee and is implementing them, even though the committee didn't give all the answers as to what happened on September 4, when 11 naval commandos and a military doctor were killed during a failed raid in south Lebanon.

The committee, headed by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir, made numerous operational and intelligence recommendations, but these remain classified.

"You have to remember that the inquiry said that there was nothing in what they did which had any link to the difficult results of the operation. You can't let them carry that on their conscience," Tal said.

According to Tal, Shayetet 13 returned to active duty immediately after the funerals. He said that some members of the unit who had ended their service and had their rucksacks packed for trips abroad canceled their plans and returned to combat duty.

As Tal spoke to reporters, the navy continued with its round-the-clock efforts to halt terrorist infiltrations from the sea. A Dabur patrol boat zoomed past heading toward Tyre.

Amal, Tal said, had earlier this year attempted a suicide attack on a Dabur. The boat blew the Amal vessel up with its cannon before it got too close.

The navy has also recently installed its own land-based radar south of Tyre. The servicemen there have recently been the target of repeated attacks, Tal said.

The navy is in the midst of a modernization plan. It has upgraded its Sa'ar 4 and 4.5 class missile boats. Three larger Sa'ar 5 corvettes are getting the last of their advanced electronic weapon systems, and the navy expects to receive the first of the three diesel-powered Dolphin-class submarines from Germany next year.

Tal noted that Egypt has made great strides in closing the qualitative gap with Israel. "It is no secret that Egypt's navy has changed its face, increased its capabilities, and is a real challenge to us," he said.

He added that Egypt's Western weaponry, like the Harpoon anti-ship missile, is more advanced than the ones in the service of our own Navy. He said that the Egyptian navy had recently acquired 10 helicopters, giving it unprecedented over the horizon capability.

Tal said that so far the Egyptians have balked at an Israeli invitation to send an observer to the joint sea and rescue maneuvers scheduled to be held in January by Israel, Turkey, and the US.

In other navy news, the search for the missing Dakar submarine is set to resume in March, with the assistance of the US Navy, Tal said.



Sailors move off after tying down an Atalef helicopter on the fantail of the Sa'ar 5 corvette "Hanit" yesterday. (IDF Spokesman)

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